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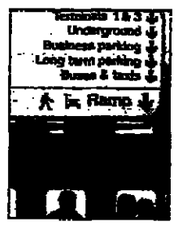
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'It is almost a miracle to see people able to do what they love most — watch football'

Guards play for peace in Sarajevo

FROM EDWARD GORMAN IN SARAJEVO

RARELY in the 252 years since it was founded has a regimental band of the Coldstream Guards performed in such unusual circumstances.

Watching them emerge from the tunnel at the Kosevo football stadium in immaculate full-dress uniform — red tunics, white belts and bearskin hats — it was hard for a moment to believe that this really was Sarajevo. While the Serb gunners and snipers eyed the occasion from the skyline, the band played the national anthem, the *Royal Standard*, the *Voice of the Guns* and most fittingly, *The Peace Maker*.

It was half-time entertainment in a most extraordinary football match between a scratch United Nations Protection Force (Unprofor) team and a special team from the professional club, FC Sarajevo. It took place in a stadium battered by mortar fire where until just three days ago the grass was a foot tall.

There was further optimism that peace would continue breaking out when the first aid convoy since October rolled into the battered Muslim enclave of Maglaj, to an emotional welcome. Trucks laden with food and medical aid reached the shattered community of 120,000 people for only the second time since June after Serb and Croat forces lifted their siege.

Men, women and children ran down to the road to wave and cry as the convoy trundled in. They crowded the balconies of their shattered flats, and fathers lifted awe-struck children to see the famous blue helmets, who had arrived at last. "Thank God, you came now," said Sejo, 21, a soldier. Sefia Haijlovic, 55, broke down and sobbed: "I never thought you would come. These are tears of happiness, but the tears of sorrow are still



"I can't give my name: the wife doesn't know I'm here"

the greatest." The Sarajevo football, brainchild of Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, commander of UN force in Bosnia, was meant to represent a significant step forward for the people of this city, to help them believe in the uneasy peace which has now been in force for five weeks.

General Rose is well aware that continued intermittent sniping during the period, which has claimed more than ten lives and injured at least 53 people, is a constant threat to Sarajevans' confidence, but yesterday they responded in their thousands and sat for several hours to watch the entertainment. The general, clearly enjoying himself despite the obvious risk he was running, said he believed the peace process was now irreversible.

"It is almost a miracle," he said surveying the chanting crowds, "to see people who have spent 22 months living in the most horrific circumstances, throughout a civil war in which over 9,000 people have been killed, of whom 2,000 were children ... to be able to come here and relax and do the thing they most love, which is to watch football." He was particularly appreciative of the band, which had flown out from RAF Lyneham (Wiltshire) for the day. By their presence, he said, they would send a signal to the world that the peace process was working and would spread to the rest of what he called the "troubled land" of Bosnia.

Major David Marshall, director of music with the band, said he had played in Belize, Tobruk and Gibraltar, but never in circumstances such as these, so close to — or even in — a war zone. "We feel a great sense of optimism, to be here at the beginning of the peace," he said. Apart from football, there was a flypast by RAF Harriers and Jaguars and a display by four para-troopers with red-and-orange flares, who jumped out of a helicopter and paraglided on to the pitch where two of them landed on top of each other. The crowd loved it.

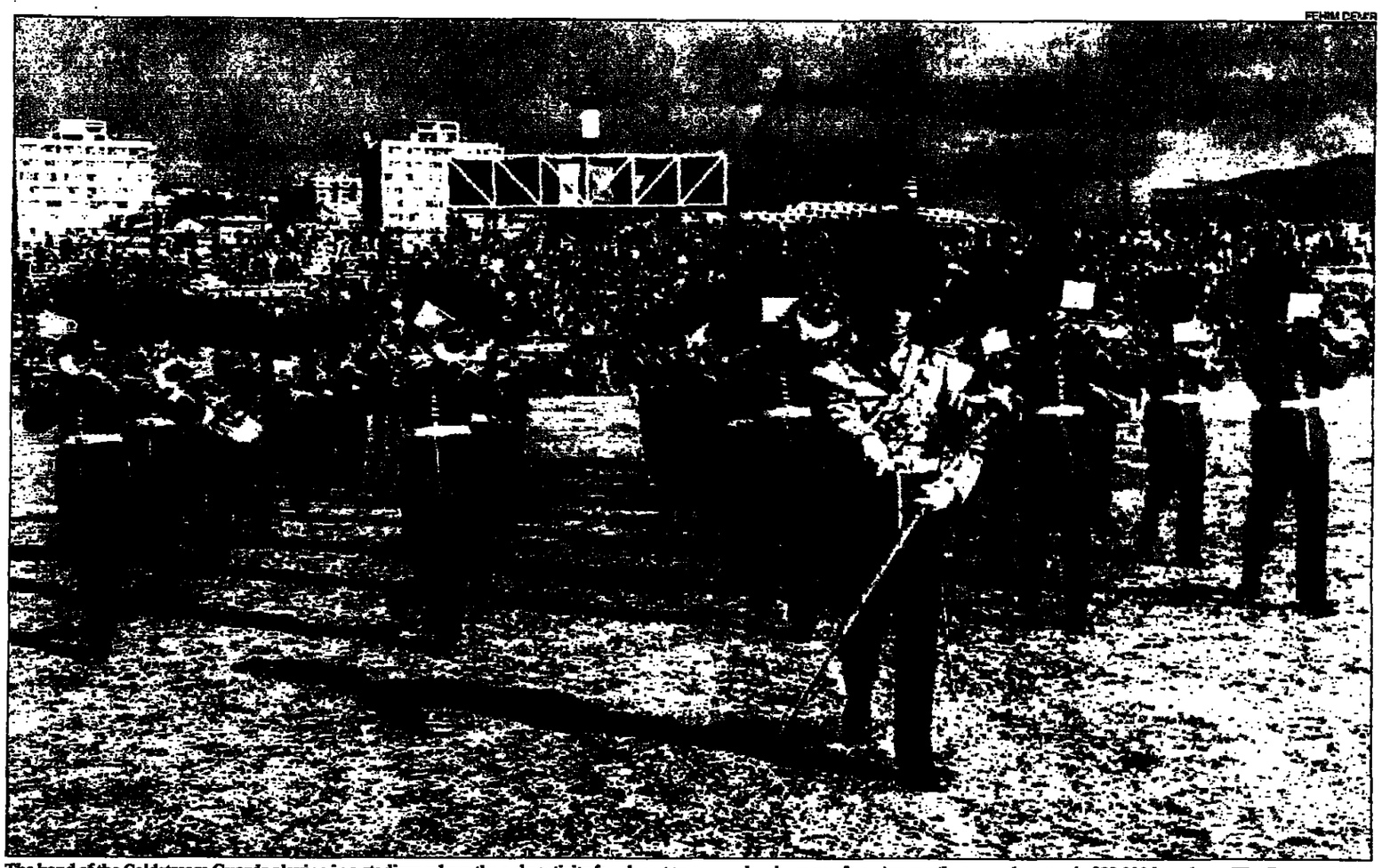
When they arrived, two of them claimed to be Norwegian — they were from Aldershot. Asked his name, one replied: "I can't tell you that. My wife doesn't even know I'm here." As for the football, initial plans for Unprofor to play a Sarajevo first team, which has been abroad for a year and is a top professional side, were abandoned after predictions of a defeat for the UN of the order of 16-0.

In the event, Unprofor lost 4-0 to the second team, but it was a reasonable contest with the UN skipper, First Lieutenant Eric "Coco" Murer, a Royal Netherlands Air Force fighter pilot, coming closest to scoring when his shot from the right wing went over the bar.

There were six British soldiers in the squad including a Vinny Jones lookalike, Bombardier Mark Keller of the Royal Horse Artillery, from Durham. Like his colleagues, he had no fears that the game would be interrupted by gunfire. "It's good to see the people here getting themselves out," he said afterwards. "I don't think they are scared any more; that's the main thing."

It was a view shared by one of the Sarajevo first-team players, watching from the side. "These people, I think, believe in the peace because this is a historic match — all the people are very, very happy."

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FEHIM DEVER

The band of the Coldstream Guards playing in a stadium where the only activity for almost two years has been warfare. Among the tunes the crowd of 20,000 heard was *The Peace Maker*

Solicitors and barristers 'should train together'

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE traditional distinction in the way solicitors and barristers are trained should be abolished under controversial proposals recommended by the Lord Chancellor's own advisory committee.

Lord Justice Steyn, who chairs the advisory committee on education and conduct, set out the panel's views last week to both the chairman of the Bar and the Law Society president. The proposals, which include every one of some 7,000 trainee lawyers a year starting life in a solicitor's office, are causing a stir at the Bar and dividing senior judges as well as the four Inns of Court. After perhaps six months or a year as a solicitor, lawyers who wished to specialise in advocacy might join a barrister's set of chambers and do pupillage there.

The committee is impressed with what happens in Scotland, where all lawyers begin as solicitors. Lord Justice Steyn says the committee sees considerable merit and strong arguments both in principle and in practice for common training of barristers and solicitors.

The proposals are already prompting much debate. The implications are far-reaching: many critics, including one or two senior judges, say the proposals are tantamount to fusing what has always been two branches of the legal profession.

But the Bar has been given a three-year deadline by Lord Justice Steyn's committee to overhaul its own training arrangements because of the present crisis of oversupply of applicants. Some Bar leaders believe common training is the way forward, and a report to be published next week by a Bar committee will also suggest common training for solicitors and barristers.

Robert Seabrook QC, Bar chairman, said: "This is something we have got to look at. I favour some element of common education, but there should be a full and open debate." One effect is likely to be the abolition of the Bar's monopoly of training through its one-year vocational course at the Inns of Court School of Law, a system already criticised by the Director General of Fair Trading as anti-competitive because so many applicants are turned away. There are now more than 2,000 applicants for 800 places.

Instead the Inns of Court would have to validate courses at other centres. Common training centres at some of the universities now licensed to run the solicitors' vocational finals course would be likely to emerge.

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Helicopter hit by mortar

The IRA hit a helicopter hovering 100 ft over the joint RUC/Army baser at Crossmaglen at the weekend with a home-made "barrack buster" mortar, fired from 150 yards away over rooftops.

A police officer was injured in the attack, which one security source said was "a remarkable piece of good luck" ... Pages 2, 19

Stewart struggles to curb Ambrose

Alec Stewart battled Curtley Ambrose as the West Indies paceman tore through England's batting in Guyana. Stewart scored 72 not out as the tourists, trailing by 234 on the first innings, struggled to 114-4 ... Page 23

Call for boxing ban after KO

Fresh demands for a ban on boxing were made after heavyweight Michael Bentt, a London-born American, was told not to fight again after his knockout by Britain's new world champion, Herbie Hide ... Pages 23, 31

Hurd trapped in Euro vote row

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

DOUGLAS Hurd was trapped last night between European exasperation and Tory dissent as a senior European official voiced "amazement" that Britain might refuse to give up some of its voting strength in Europe.

The Foreign Secretary faced warnings of uproar in the European Parliament if he did not agree to plans to increase the number of votes needed to block some European legislation. Foreign ministers prepared for tomorrow's crucial talks in Brussels amid mounting pessimism that European Union members will reach agreement over new Union voting rules. The British stance came under attack by European leaders who again claimed that plans for enlarging the Union from 12 to 16 could be jeopardised by delays in agreeing a new voting structure.

Hans van den Broek, a Dutch Euro-Commissioner, expressed alarm that enlargement, "so much favoured by the UK, is put at risk and in jeopardy. That arouses quite some amazement among member states."

Mr Hurd was said to be "facing the possibility of stalemate" 24 hours before he meets his counterparts in Brussels to discuss plans to raise from 23 to 27 the number of votes needed to block new European laws. The changes in voting are to take into account the overall increase from 76 votes to 90, caused by the addition of four new member states from next year.

If Mr Hurd gives way on the 27-vote rule, he is under pressure by Tory MPs to secure an assurance that the Union would not overrule a block by Britain and two other countries.

Diplomats in Brussels admitted that a deal on the majority voting dispute looked increasingly improbable, with Britain and Spain remaining

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Rescuers find traces of soldiers missing in Borneo

BY JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG AND ANDREW PIERCE

BRITISH rescuers searching for five soldiers missing for three weeks in a treacherous gully at the foot of a Sabah mountain have discovered remains of their food rations.

Two RAF mountain rescue climbers yesterday descended 1,600ft into Low's Gully on the 13,450ft Mount Kinabalu, where they also found the soldiers' abseiling ropes attached to a rock face. The powdered food rations are thought to have run out eight days ago. The climbers had to abandon their descent on Saturday because recent rains had created a raging torrent halfway down.

With the latest progress in the search, Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Schumacher, head of the rescue team, said: "We are confident we are on the right track."

As night fell yesterday the two climbers from the 300-strong rescue squad were preparing to resume their journey into the gully today. Other rescuers will be lowered by helicopter into the more inaccessible areas.

The mountain, known to locals as "The Place of the Dead", is extraordinary terrain. Members of the original ten-strong expedition group, who parted from the missing men on February 26, emerged in a state of "shock, exhaustion, and dehydration" last weekend after conquering the gully. They described encounters with dangerous snakes and rock formations that could have come from Conan Doyle's *The Lost World*. The rescuers must try to overcome flash waterfalls, raging whirlpools, seemingly impassable rock pools, dense jungle and boulders as big as houses.

Major Jim Noble, who helped to prepare the ill-fated expedition, said: "There were places where the gully was 200ft high and just 3ft wide. The rock was carved smooth by the water. There were long waterfalls dropping

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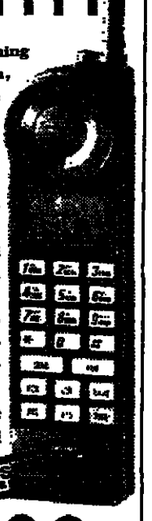
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Lucky timing gave IRA first helicopter in mortar attack

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE IRA managed to bring down a hovering helicopter by firing a "barrack buster" mortar shell at exactly the right moment, security sources in Northern Ireland said yesterday.

The shell crippled the Lynx as it hovered over the joint RUC/Army base at Crossmaglen, Co Armagh, seriously injuring a police officer. The other three crew were uninjured.

The Mark 15 shell, which can carry hundreds of pounds of explosives, was fired 150 yards over rooftops from the back of a tractor parked on scrubland just before 8.30pm on Saturday night.

It was the first successful mortar attack on a helicopter in the province and followed a spate of attacks on the base.

One security source said yesterday: "It was an absolutely amazing attack and was a remarkable piece of good luck. It was down to the right timing and co-ordination."

The pilot was praised for saving scores of lives after he managed to land the aircraft in the base. Chief Supt Bill McCreesh of the RUC southern area said yesterday: "I would like to pay an extraordinary compliment to the skill shown by the army air crew who succeeded not only in landing their aircraft but also, in spite of injuries, rescuing an injured police officer."

The officer described the attack as ruthless and indiscriminate and said it could have killed many civilians in Crossmaglen. "If it had not been for the extraordinary skill of the pilot who succeeded in landing the aircraft within the confines of the base, we could have been facing major consequences."

A major in the Army Air Corps, who declined to be named, said the helicopter was hovering about 100 feet over the base when it was hit. "The first thing the crew were aware of was a loud bang in the rear of the helicopter and a loss of directional stability . . . It is really the quick thinking of the crew — with the loss of directional stability — that got the helicopter inside a small area."

The crew had jumped to safety as soon as the helicopter landed. "They then realised that the RUC officer was not with them and they went back and extricated their colleague, who was seriously injured. By then the helicopter was starting to burn."

The attack was condemned by Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the SDLP and MP for Newry and Armagh. "God knows how many people could have been killed," he said. "We are back in the syndrome where Sinn Fein and their spokesman are talking peace in the morning and carrying out these murderous attacks through the IRA in the evening. That is what is revolting people."

☐ Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday denied that he had distanced himself from Britain's insistence on a permanent end to IRA violence as a condition for talks.

He said that Dublin would refuse to negotiate with Sinn Fein as long as it supported violence, and he rejected reports that he would be willing to accept a temporary IRA ceasefire.

Parents mark bomb deaths

The parents of Warrington bomb victims Johnathan Ball and Tim Parry marked the first anniversary of their deaths yesterday by taping two white carnations to their marble memorial in the town.

Colin Parry, Tim's father, his wife and their two children were joined by Marie Comerford, Jonathan's mother, who had earlier attended a memorial service.

Mr Parry said of the bombers: "They took away two innocent boys and scarred a town and advanced their cause not at all."



Malaysian troops checking their maps before setting out to search for the lost soldiers on the flanks of Mount Kinabalu.

Traces of missing soldiers found

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into deep rock. It's hard to imagine." Lance-Corporal Peter Shearer, 26, an NCO in the advance party which survived the gully, said: "It is a very tough descent. It took us a full day to abseil the first 1,500ft. Some of the waterfalls are so big we had to avoid them by cutting through the jungle with machetes."

The ten-strong expedition party split up because half of them were slowing up the rest. The stronger party agreed to hack a path through the jungle and leave ropes and abseiling points on the cliffs that plunge almost 6,000ft from the mountain peak. Major Noble, head of adventure training at British Forces headquarters in Hong Kong, said: "The strong party went ahead, assuming the second party would catch up because it did not have to hack a path through the jungle." But even the strong party encountered severe difficulties.

Stephen Pinfield, an English Outward Bound expert who has climbed down Low's Gully, said the expedition was crazy. "The secret is moving fast. The chance of something going wrong with a big group just multiplies. Even if they survived a fall or decided to camp and wait for help, they would be weak, cold and without any way of escaping the rain."

Mr Pinfield, who climbed in Sabah for 15 years, added: "The bottom of the gully is horrible. When it rains, you're doomed. The rocks are slippery and you can't find a safe place to sleep."

Benedict Allen, the Briton who was first man to make a direct crossing between the mouth of the Orinoco and the mouth of the Amazon, last night urged the Ministry of Defence to send in the Gurkhas.

Mr Allen, 34, a member of the Royal Geographical Society, said: "The Gurkhas are instinctively at home in dense jungle, and don't regard it as an enemy but utilise its natural resources. If anyone can find them, and quickly, they can."

He said: "If they have stayed together, and have been able to keep warm, they should be okay. Their rations may have run out, but the jungle offers many competing and edible life forms. They are fit, well trained, and should be able to survive on the natural vegetation."

The missing soldiers set off on February 22. The two British officers and three Hong Kong Chinese non-commissioned officers vanished 22 days ago. There are more than 300 people involved in the rescue operations including the British team, park rangers and border scouts who are being helped by villagers and air force helicopters.

Those missing are Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Neil, 46, and Major Ronald Foster, 54, and Lam Ywai Ki, 27, Chen Wai Keung, 24, and Cheung Yiu Keung, 32, junior non-commissioned officers in Hong Kong's Royal Logistics Corps.

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Smith attacks Tories over EU

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith seized on divisions within the Tory Party yesterday by underlining Labour's clear pro-Europe stance in the run-up to the European elections in June. The Labour Leader launched his attack on the eve of tomorrow's meeting of foreign ministers over members' voting rights in Europe.

Mr Smith, highlighting the latest test to John Major's authority, said: "For the Tories, Europe is a disaster because they are split right down the middle."

The Labour leadership is confident that it can set out on a far more united European election campaign than the Conservatives and is determined to emphasise the Government's internal struggles over Europe in the next three months.

Mr Smith said Mr Major was "a prisoner of the anti-Europeans in his party — the xenophobic rightwingers who hold a noose around his neck and pull it a little tighter every time he mentions Europe".

Labour sees the Tory divisions as an unexpected fillip to its electoral hopes, coming weeks before the two parties open the most fiercely fought of any European parliament election campaign in Britain.

At the start of a week of rallies, Mr Smith dismissed the Conservatives as "clapped-out, mean-spirited, deceitful, dishonest and shabby". He said: "John Major's cabinet colleagues — the ones who keep popping up pledging their undying loyalty to the Prime Minister — are all now pandering to the Eurosceptics, putting ambition before principle in their unseemly scramble for the keys to Number 10."

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at odds with the other ten member countries. Although Dutch sources suggested that the talks could be called off, all sides are anxious to avert a stalemate, even if the discussions need to continue into Wednesday.

As Mr Hurd and Foreign Office officials prepared for last-minute talks to resolve the argument, senior ministers suggested that John Major might call on Chancellor Kohl of Germany to help to reach a compromise. The two leaders have twice discussed the issue recently, and although Downing St said there were no plans for further talks, Britain may feel a late consultation could swing the balance.

In the face of growing resentment among European partners over Britain's position, Michael Portillo, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, insisted yesterday that the Government was "standing up for Britain". He added: "The idea that this whole thing is going to sink on British obduracy is really an invention."

Mr Hurd was left in no doubt, however, about Tory pressure on him to stand firm, even at the risk of leaving the talks without a conclusion. David Evans, a close supporter of Mr Major and member of executive of the 1922 group of Tory backbenchers, said on BBC radio that "two-thirds of back-benchers feel that any weakening of our position will be just too much".

He added: "We have the European elections coming up . . . and any further weakening of our position will be a serious blow to our hopes and aspirations in regard to Europe."

Mr Hurd is keen to secure German support for a plan that would allow the existing blocking vote of two large EU countries and one small one being retained in certain circumstances. In return Britain may have to agree to increasing the blocking vote to 27.

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Editor tells MGN to keep out

THE editor of the *Independent on Sunday* yesterday publicly warned David Montgomery, head of the consortium that has won control of the newspaper, that he would resign rather than accept interference in editorial policy.

In a signed editorial, Ian Jack said he would not be told what to write or think by Mr Montgomery, the chief executive of Mirror Group Newspapers.

The MGN consortium was cleared last week by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, to mount a full takeover for *The Independent* and *Independent on Sunday*.

Mr Montgomery, interviewed on BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost* yesterday, said he had "no interest in interfering" with editorial decisions.

Andreas Whittam Smith, the founding editor, would decide editorial policy, he said. "If Andreas takes a line on Bosnia or Ulster or any of these great issues of the day, that is his right, just as it was my right when I was an editor," he said.

Civil servants sworn at but not sworn by

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE urbane, polished professionalism of senior civil servants is being increasingly ruffled by foul-mouthed ministers no longer prepared to observe Whitehall niceties.

Mandarins in at least four government departments have complained to their union, the Association of First Division Civil Servants, during the past six months about being barred from offering advice to ministers. At least two junior minister also subjected their top officials to verbal abuse.

The civil servants involved have been so intimidated by the outbursts that they fear for their prospects if the names of the ministers are made public. Liz Symons, general secretary of the association, said: "Ministers who are prepared to use four-letter words day after day would also be quite prepared to wreck people's careers."

Ms Symons has taken the issue up with William Waldegrave, the cabinet minister responsible for the Civil Service, who has said he will examine it. She has called for a new code of ethics covering relations between government ministers and their top advisers, emphasising the duty and respect owed to civil servants.

Ms Symons described the trend of ministers refusing to listen to civil servants' advice as worrying. It was not clear whether the swearing involved ministers "who use that sort of language in their own homes" or whether it reflected a shift in the relationship beween ministers and civil servants after 15 years of one party in power.

MPs face censure over Lloyd's losses

The 14 Tory MPs who have refused to give details of their exposure to the loss-making Lloyd's insurance market may be reported to Parliament if they continue to flout new rules about disclosure of MPs' financial interests. The MPs, who include David Hunt, the Employment Secretary, and Sir Edward Heath, are alleged to have lost £6 million between them. The Commons select committee on members' interests has asked all 14 to explain why they refused to list the Lloyd's syndicates with which they underwrite. It will then decide whether to censure them.

A Lloyd's spokesman said there was no special treatment for any category of name. Outstanding debts would be pursued with equal vigour, no matter who was involved.

MP backs CSA families

Simon Coombs, Conservative MP for Swindon, told families affected by the Child Support Agency that they should consider legal action. At a special meeting in Swindon, called by 150 people whose payments have been increased, Mr Coombs said a test case at the European Court of Human Rights would bring pressure on the Government to change the rules. He said it might be in the interest of members of the National Campaign for Fair Maintenance to "club together" to finance the option.

Mother sues care staff

A woman is to sue her son's social workers, alleging that they failed to keep him under control when he was in their care. The mother, 37, from Basingstoke, Hampshire, wants compensation because she claims her son became an aggressive tearaway after going into the care of Hampshire County Council when he was 14.

Eagle on losing streak



Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards, the least successful ski-jumper of the 1988 Winter Olympics, is to present a weekly radio series about losers. Mr Edwards, left, will be the host of a segment of *Now the Good News* . . . from next month on the new BBC station Radio 5 Live. The show will feature a football team that loses every game and a learner driver who has failed 25 tests.

Slow gear delays bikers

Hordes of motorcyclists heading for Brands Hatch motor-racing circuit in Kent caused a three-mile traffic jam on the Essex side of the Dartford crossing when they had to go through the slow process of unzipping their leather gear to find cash for the toll. The delay lasted for more than an hour and police arranged for a warning on local radio.

Boy dies after 130ft fall

A five-year-old boy who fell 130ft from a tower block died yesterday in hospital. The boy, who has not been named, fell while playing with friends on a communal balcony on the eleventh floor of flats on the Orchard Hill Estate in Lewisham, southeast London. Police have contacted Greenwich council about the safety of the balcony barriers.



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Family of dead girl sues freed suspect

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN who was cleared of murdering Nikki Allen, 7, has been served a writ for damages by the girl's family, claiming he battered the child and caused her death.

George Heron, 24, who last October was found not guilty of stabbing and battering Nikki to death in a derelict warehouse, was tracked down to his new home in Gwent by private investigators and served with the papers.

Nikki's blood-covered body was found in the building 300 yards from her home in Sunderland in October 1992. Mr Heron, a neighbour to Nikki and her mother Sharon Prest, 28, was arrested and charged amid fears of violent revenge attacks by relatives and friends of the girl.

Before the start of his three-week trial at Leeds Crown Court, the judge ruled that a taped "confession" made by Mr Heron could not be played to the jury as it was inadmissible evidence because of "oppressive" police interviewing.

Last month, Sharon Prest's solicitor, Cecil Emmerson, said a writ for private prosecution was to be served on Mr Heron blaming him for the killing. Under English law, Mr Heron cannot be retried for the murder in a criminal court, but he can face a civil hearing and be told to pay compensation.

The writ requires him to attend Sunderland County Court where he will be sued for "battery on the child, Nikki Allen, resulting in her death".

Nikki's grandfather Dickie Prest, 52, who is funding the private prosecution, said that he and the girl's mother were delighted. He said: "This is one step closer to us getting justice."

At Mr Heron's trial, Mr Justice Mitchell said detectives misused evidence available to them to get Mr Heron to confess to the murder, telling him three times he had been seen with Nikki on the night of her death when they were not justified in doing so.

Immediately after the verdict, Mr Heron went into hiding. He is believed to have spent some time at his mother's home in Northern Ireland.



A typical direction sign at Heathrow airport makes no concession to the languages of foreign visitors. Security announcements over the loudspeaker system follow suit

Tongue-tied welcome baffles tourists

BY JOE JOSEPH

FOREIGNERS arriving at Heathrow airport should look on the bright side. At least the minimal concession to their native tongues leaves them in no doubt where they are.

There are no signs or announcements in foreign languages at the London airport but plenty of frantic hand signals. Welcome to Britain.

Even the security warnings that blare through the public address system every 15 minutes telling passengers not to leave bags unattended because they will be removed and may be destroyed are all in English — never in French, Italian or Spanish, let alone Japanese, even though Japanese people are used to leaving their suitcases unattended in Tokyo airport for hours because they have no fear of their being stolen.

Here is one sure way for absent-minded, non-English-speaking tourists to start their British holiday with a bang.

The following test encounters give a taste of what tourists might find in their first bewildering moments at Heathrow's Terminal 1:

At the Hertz car rental desk: "Pour louer une voiture, ça ferait combien?" (How much does it cost to rent a car?)

"Do you speak English?" "No."

"Well, this isn't going to be very easy."

"Pour louer une voiture, ça ferait combien?"

"Look sir, I don't speak French. And you don't seem to speak English. I don't think we're going to get very far."

At the British Airways welcome desk: "A che ora parte il prossimo aereo per Palermo?" (What time is the next plane for Palermo?)

The woman looks kindly but bemused. "Don't understand." "A che ora parte il prossimo aereo per Palermo?"

"Did you want to go somewhere, dear?"

"Si, Palermo."

"Oh dear. Maybe if I have a look at your ticket."

At the Alpha drug store: "Est-ce que vous avez quelque chose pour un rhume?" (Do you have something for a cold?)

"Er ... do you want the toilets?"

At the international departures gate: "Dove sono i carrelli portabagagli?" (Where can I find a luggage trolley?) — "Don't you speak English?"

At the Budget rent-a-car desk: "Qual è la tariffa per una settimana?" (How much does it cost to rent a car for a week?)

"I don't understand what you're saying. Go to Information."

At the London Transport desk: "Vorrei comprare un orario ferroviario." (I'd like to buy a rail timetable).

"English only here. Go Information desk."

At the Thomas Cook bureau de change: "Dove si trova l'ufficio cambio più vicino?" (Where is the nearest bureau de change?) "Er ..." The young man spreads his arms helplessly, then shakes his head apologetically. "Er ... Français?"

At Café One, a hot and cold self-service restaurant: "Est-ce que vous avez des plats chauds?" (Do you have any hot food?)

"Do you speak any English? Can you point?" (Shows me how with her index finger).

The Terminal 1 information desk did find me someone who could tell me in French where I could find a restaurant. But some staff in the airport had difficulty even recognising French.

At the British Midland information desk, five yards from an entrance to the London Underground: "Dove si trova la più vicina stazione della metropolitana?" (Where's the nearest Tube station?)

Woman: "Sorry. Do you speak English?"

"No."

Woman to colleague: "Hey Pamela, do you speak French?"

Me: "Italiano!"

Woman to Pamela: "Italian?"

Pamela: "I might be able to manage a bit of Spanish. Badly."

Barmaid and lover stabbed 47 times

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A MURDER enquiry has been launched after a barmaid and her boy friend were each stabbed more than 20 times in a frenzied attack in the man's home.

Detectives suspect that more than one person could have been involved because of the level of force involved in the murders of Penelope Berry, 26, and Mark Penfold, 32.

Det Supt Tony Furzeland, who is leading a 60-strong squad of detectives on the enquiry, said: "They died a particularly violent death. The attack must have gone on for sometime on both of them."

The bodies were found on Saturday morning at Mr Penfold's maisonette in Keyham, Plymouth. Detectives investigating the double killing said the couple suffered 47 knife wounds inflicted with an 8in single-edged knife. Police were still looking for the murder weapon.

Detectives believed the killer or killers would have been covered in blood after the "sustained attack".

Mr Penfold was a powerfully built man, said Det Supt Furzeland, which was another reason why the police suspected more than one person might have been involved in the murders.

Mrs Berry, a barmaid from Mutley, Plymouth, who was separated from her husband, and Mr Penfold, who was unemployed, were last seen alive two days before they were found dead.

The police were investigating a possible link with the drugs world yesterday as a motive for the attack.

Forensic science teams were combing the flat for clues, but it is not thought that anything was stolen. Mr Penfold's pit bull terrier dog was found alive in the flat.

Maxine Brennan, landlady of the Newmarket public house in Plymouth where Mrs Berry had worked for the past month, said: "She was a lively, vivacious girl. It's dreadful. I don't think she was involved in drugs but was just caught in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"Penny was well liked by the staff and customers. She was a very attractive girl," said Mrs Brennan.

Police press for extra weapon search powers

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

NEW police powers to stop and search people on the street for knives or guns are being debated by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, chief constables and leaders of junior ranks.

Mr Howard made clear yesterday that he was prepared to consider workable proposals which could be incorporated into the latest Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill currently going through the Commons.

Police fears have grown with increasing violence being handed out to officers on Britain's streets. Mr Howard said: "If the police can clearly identify the problem and an effective way of dealing with it, I will look at it very carefully."

He has already written to associations representing chief constables, superintendents and rank-and-file policemen, asking for suggestions on dealing with a mounting problem for the force.

Scotland Yard is increasing the number of armed-response vehicles, and chief constables have announced they will review firearms policy for the police.

One proposal now being scrutinised by the Home Office would allow police to search everyone within a designated area not only after an incident but also where there was intelligence of possible trouble. The powers would only last for a set period of time — perhaps no more than six hours — and could only be used in a specially designated area. An officer with the rank of inspector or superintendent would have the authority to order the searches.



Howard: asking the police for a remedy

Police believe that would allow them to deal with potential troublemakers gathering at a night club, a public house or a big demonstration.

Plans to change the stop and search laws, curbed by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act ten years ago, were put forward in an amendment to the current bill by a Labour MP acting for the Police Federation. Police feel they need a change because the law now makes it difficult to carry out searches unless they can show reasonable suspicion. Courts can later be very tough on what should have been considered reasonable when the policeman acted.

Tony Blair, shadow Home Secretary, pledged yesterday that a Labour government would cut crime significantly. He insisted Labour's programme, worked out in consultation with police, community leaders and others, would reverse decades of rising crime.

Mr Blair is the man who thought up Labour's popular "tough on crime, tough on the causes of crime" slogan, which has seen the party take the lead in what used to be the Tories' safest territory.

"Our approach seeks to break through what has been a traditional divide in this area," Mr Blair told LWT's *Walden* programme. "What I've been trying to say is that any sensible policy combines measures of punishing those who commit crimes with trying to prevent crime."

At the heart of his agenda was an initiative to create partnerships between the police and local communities. Where forces had already adopted this new style of community policing, crime had been cut, he said.

A national strategy to co-ordinate the fight against crime should involve all government departments, from health to employment.

Divers rob sea grave of souvenirs

BY A STAFF REPORTER

SOUVENIR hunters have tampered with one of the Royal Navy's most emotive war graves, the wreck of the battleship *Royal Oak*, sunk by a German U-boat with the loss of 843 lives.

The Defence Ministry said that a survey of the wreck off Orkney in Scapa Flow had shown "unauthorised tampering, including the possible use of explosives".

Local people say souvenir hunters have made surreptitious dives to hunt for brasswork and other fittings. Diving has long been banned, except on rare occasions for activities such as filming. All diving in the area will now be forbidden.

The ministry says that the ship, which was sunk in 1939, is beginning to collapse and has become potentially lethal for amateur divers.

Orkney's director of harbours, Captain Bob Sclater, said: "It is sacrilege for people to damage war graves in such a way, but dive-boat operators must shoulder much of the blame. They must be fully aware they should not be allowing divers to enter the water in the vicinity.

"We will be stepping up our monitoring of the situation and will have no hesitation in contacting police if we find anyone diving on or near the wreck again."

English raise the roof for Welshman

BY A STAFF REPORTER



Spiller: watched the game in a beer tent

THE Welsh rugby fan who sold his roof slates to pay for a trip to Twickenham had something to cheer yesterday, despite his team's defeat by England. By the time Stephen Spiller returned to his home in the Rhondda valley, an English businessman had delivered new slates worth £1,000.

Mr Spiller's wife Debbie, of Pont-y-gwaith, Mid Glamorgan, said yesterday: "Steve is gutted that Wales lost but at least he has a new roof now. I have lost loads of sleep because we haven't had a roof, but this is great news. I feel like shouting it from the rooftops myself.

"I didn't even watch the game on television. I took the kids to the seaside instead."

Meanwhile, her husband, a 34-year-old unemployed builder, watched the match in a beer tent outside the ground because the £265 he raised from selling the slates was not enough to buy a ticket from touts.

The new roof was a gift from Peter Regis, chairman of Asphaltic Roofing Supplies in London. Peter Felton, a company spokesman, said: "We all had a good laugh about this chap selling his roof and felt he deserved a consolation prize because Wales lost — he can wipe the slate clean."

The lorry-load of tiles was delivered to Mrs Spiller yesterday, before her husband had managed to make his way home from Twickenham in his battered Ford Escort. Mrs Spiller said: "At first Steve wasn't too happy about any gift from an Englishman. But I have convinced him that some things are more important than rugby ... well, I think I've convinced him."

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Frozen assets could make millions

MoD to profit from blood breakthrough

By Nigel Hawkes
science editor

■ Army doctors have perfected a process for use in combat areas which will be equally applicable in civilian hospitals

A NEW method of freezing blood could soon be earning millions of pounds a year for the Ministry of Defence.

A Dutch company specialising in blood distribution, NPBI, signed an agreement yesterday to carry out the trials necessary to make the frozen blood, the result of 20 years' work by Army doctors, commercially available.

Existing methods mix the blood with glycerol, which acts as a kind of anti-freeze, to prevent the process of freezing from destroying the blood cells. Since glycerol is toxic, the unfrozen blood must be washed before it can be used, a process which is both slow and expensive. Once it has been washed, it must be used within 24 hours.

The Army needed a simpler and quicker system. Colonel Michael Thomas, commanding officer of the Army Blood Depot at Aldershot, Hampshire, said that the answer was found by mixing the blood with a non-toxic starch solution and freezing it very quickly by plunging it into liquid nitrogen. The starch wraps itself around the red blood cells, preventing water escaping and destroying the cells during the 20 seconds or so it takes to freeze the blood.

To reconstitute it for use, the bags containing the frozen blood are simply immersed in a bucket of water for ten minutes to defrost them, and the blood can then be safely stored for ten days. "It's simple, cheap and needs no expensive materials or highly-qualified staff," Col Thomas said.

The technique has obvious benefits for military use, where the need for blood cannot always be accurately predicted in advance. It could also be very useful in civilian hospitals, especially for autologous blood transfusions, in which people preparing for operations give their own blood in advance.

The evidence is that people receiving transfusions of their own blood do better than those who get transfusions of other people's. Using frozen blood, people could donate it well before the operation.

Col Thomas said: "We're convinced this process will save lives, and with the signing of the agreement with NPBI on Friday, we've the promise of an added bonus. Not only will the civil community around the world benefit from our efforts, but all royalties will go to the MoD, who hold the patent. That could mean millions in revenue a year for the Government."



MICHAEL POWELL

Emily Gillingham, of Andromeda Interactive, flips through the library of 2,000 works that will sell for £50

Discs make light work of libraries

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

VISITORS to the London International Book Fair were given a taste of 21st-century publishing yesterday when shelves of glossy hardbacks were replaced by compact discs.

The first electronic publishing show to be staged at the fair dominated one side of the Olympia Conference Centre in west London. Books on disc, to be read on a computer screen, are a booming business. Each disc can hold 600,000 pages of text and each page can be accessed within seconds.

Less than ten years ago only 48 titles had been published. Now there are about 5,400 available, according to Carl Olson, business development manager for TFPL, which tracks electronic publishing trends.

Mr Olson said: "There are 200 electronic publishers in the UK and it is estimated that there are another 6,000 titles being prepared for publication."

A complete library containing more than 2,000 books will soon be available on a single compact disc costing less than £50. The Classic Library CD-Rom, one of the most advanced electronic publishing projects on show, will provide access to 77 biographies, 55 novels, 42 works of philosophy, 85 plays, 365 collections of poetry and dozens of letters, speeches and short stories.

The selection includes the King James Bible, Magna Carta and works by Dostoevsky, George Eliot, Milton, Plato, Shakespeare and Voltaire.

The disc, which is designed for specially adapted home computers, is being fine-tuned by Andromeda Interactive so that the user can structure his or her personal library from the 2,000 books, edit text and call up background information at the touch of a button.

An interactive *Wuthering Heights*, complete with realistic sound effects of wind blowing across the heath and graphics of Cathy and Heathcliff, has been developed on mini-disc for playing on pocket-sized screens during train journeys or when sitting at home.

Mark Carpenter, a multimedia consultant, said some CD-Roms were being designed to help teach dyslexic children. "Interactive books which speak the text out loud are particularly good for those with learning disabilities," he said.

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Arms trial lawyer to face Scott

MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

ALAN Moses QC, the barrister who prosecuted the Matrix Churchill case, comes up before Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair today to explain the unorthodox tactics he used during the Old Bailey trial.

Mr Moses, who prosecuted on behalf of Customs and Excise, will be asked to explain why he told the trial judge that 500 pages of confidential Whitehall documents contained nothing of value to the defence, when they were later shown to be vital in proving the innocence of the three defendants.

The defence counsel, Geoffrey Robertson QC, heavily criticised at the time Mr Moses's conduct in removing all reference to the confidential documents from the public interest immunity certificates, or "gagging orders", signed by four ministers and submitted to Judge Smedley.

They contained evidence that ministers and officials knew of and had encouraged the export of defence equipment to Iraq, in breach of official arms guidelines.

The Scott enquiry has already heard how Mr Moses removed an annex listing the confidential documents from the orders in an attempt to eliminate any prospect that the judge might decide for *himself* whether government claims that disclosure would jeopardise the lives and operations of intelligence officers were justified.

Mr Moses's evidence is expected to last for two days. On Thursday, Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, will be questioned over his decision to advise ministers to sign the orders.

Pill gives hope to impotent

BY LIN JENKINS

A PILL that could cure impotence is being tested on thousands of volunteers in America and Europe after a study in Britain produced "fairly encouraging" results.

Syntex, which is developing the drug, believes it would be the first of its kind. Present treatment for impotence, which is believed to affect up to 20 million men in North America and Europe, relies on drugs being released into the urethra through a variety of methods or injected directly into the penis.

The company, which introduced the first oral contraceptive and is best known in Britain for the anti-inflammatory drug Naproxen, used in the treatment of osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis, believes an oral medicine would have better market potential than alternatives.

Nic Holladay, managing director of the company, said: "It is a completely new class of drug. We are in very early clinical studies, the results of which it is too early to comment on. It would be foolish to get people over-excited by it."

The drug controls the blood pressure needed for an erection. Tests have been carried out on volunteers at the Medical Research Council's reproductive biology unit in Edinburgh and the results of that study will be published later this year in a medical journal.

Mr Holladay said the results showed "promise, but no more than that".

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Fear of crime rises rapidly despite tough Tory words

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

FEAR of crime has risen rapidly in Britain with more than three quarters of people afraid that their homes will be burgled and half that they will be mugged on the streets, according to a MORI opinion poll published today.

An increasing number of people were frightened of being attacked in their homes and more than 40 per cent were afraid of going out at night alone. More than half the women questioned were afraid of being raped and 78 per cent of women under 25 were frightened of a similar attack. Home Office figures show that the number of rapes recorded by police increased from 2,471 to 4,142 between 1987 and 1992.

The MORI poll found that 67 per cent of women were afraid to go out after dark, 38 per cent of women were frightened to use public transport at night and 28 per cent feared driving alone in the evening.

It found that 77 per cent of those interviewed were afraid of having their home burgled, a 17 percentage point increase since MORI last asked the question in 1987.

Fifty-six per cent feared having their home or possessions vandalised, a 7 point increase; 52 per cent being mugged, a 14 point increase; 42 per cent feared going out at night alone, a five point increase and 38 per cent were afraid of having possessions stolen, a 14 point increase.

Women were more fearful than men of being attacked and overall there was a 10 point increase in the percentage of those afraid of being attacked in their own home.

A Home Office survey published last year said that of an estimated 2.6 million violent incidents, about 20 per cent were domestic assaults involving partners, ex-partners and other relatives. Almost half of assaults mentioned by women were of this nature.

Many of the findings make grim reading for the Government in its effort to regain the initiative on law and order.

Despite consistent ministerial attempts to play down the link between unemployment and crime, the poll shows they have failed to convince the public. Nor, according to the findings, are people convinced by the declaration by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, that prison works. Only 14 per cent believed that jailing more offenders would cut crime.

Unemployment and drugs were blamed by more and more people as the two key causes of crime, the poll found. Unemployment was more often chosen as a cause of crime than it was in a 1989 MORI poll.

The survey showed that 71 per thought it was one of the main causes of crime, a nine point rise on 1989; those suggesting lack of parental discipline as a cause fell by 6 points to 69 per cent, too lenient sentencing by 11 points to 51 per cent, and alcohol by 20 points to 42 per cent.

Tony Blair, the shadow Home Secretary, who has led Labour's tough stance on crime and its links with unemployment, said: "The survey shows clearly that people want a tough criminal justice system and a society prepared to deal with its difficulties. The only way forward is strong and better policing and local partnership with the people."

Despite ministerial comments linking single motherhood and increasing social problems, the poll also shows a drop in the number of people blaming lack of discipline as a main cause of crime. Only 16 per cent of people interviewed believed that absent fathers were a cause of crime.

But the poll provided backing for some of the Home Secretary's efforts to tackle crime. It showed 40 per cent of people interviewed believed tougher institutions for young offenders would reduce the level of crime and 26 per cent wanted to speed up court proceedings. Almost 30 per cent believed fining parents would help to reduce crime and about 40 per cent thought capital punishment would have a similar effect.

Eighty-seven per cent of those questioned would like more police on the beat, a view more prevalent among the lower social classes. Satisfaction with the police was declining, with 36 per cent happy with the way their area was policed and 48 per cent dissatisfied.

□ *MORI interviewed 2,081 people aged 15 plus in 148 constituencies throughout Britain between January 20 and 24, 1994.*

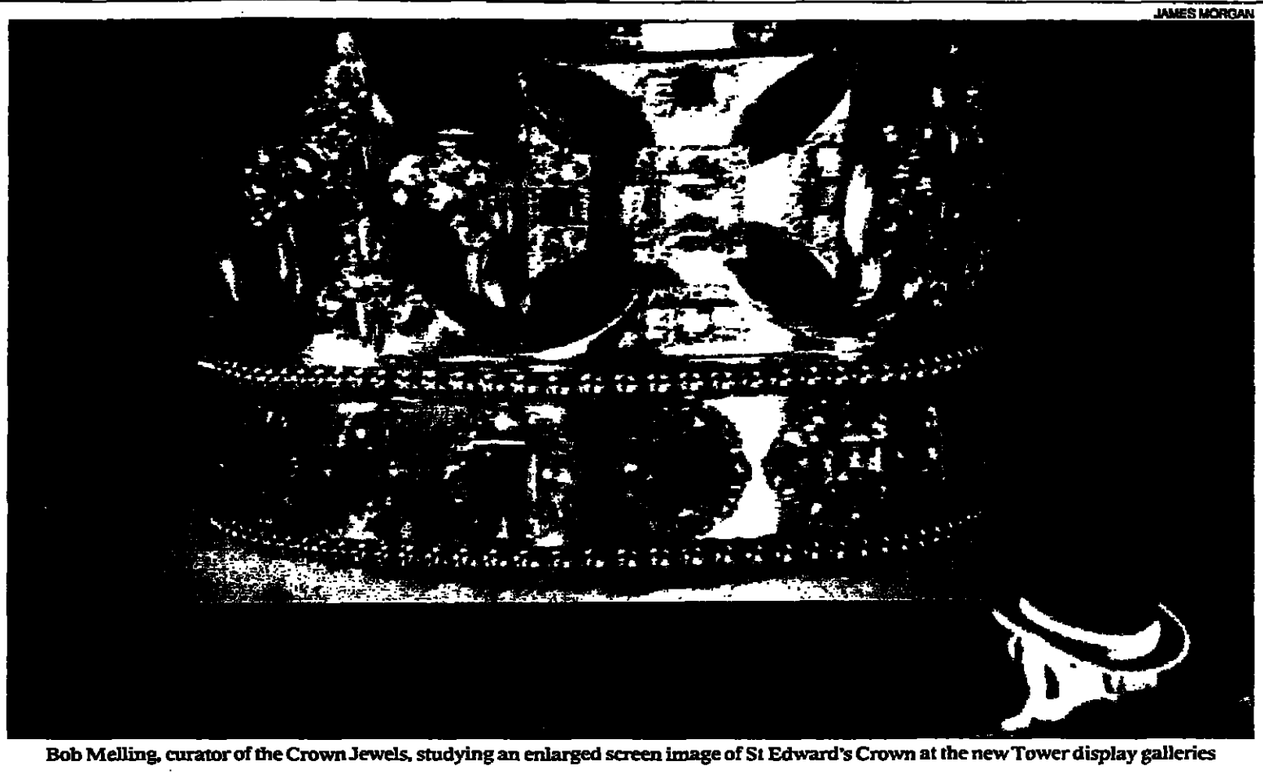
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Which, if any, of these are fears that you personally have?

Base:	1987 (2,078) %	1994 (2,081) %
Having my home burgled	60	77
Having my home or other possessions vandalised	49	56
Being mugged (ie attempted or actual theft of my possession(s) while still on my person)	38	52
Going out at night alone	37	42
Being attacked in my own home	29	39
Having one or more of my possessions stolen (not from my person)	24	38
Being raped	26	31
Some other form of attack	18	26
Using public transport at night	19	26
Driving alone after dark	-	17
Other	1	1
None of these	11	5
Don't know	2	*
Any theft	-	60
Any attack	-	68
Any going out at night	-	51

†MORI/Reader's Digest 'Living in Britain' survey

JAMES MORGAN



Bob Melling, curator of the Crown Jewels, studying an enlarged screen image of St Edward's Crown at the new Tower display galleries

Crown Jewels sparkle in Tower's £10m setting

BY MARCUS BINNEY
ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE beauty of the Crown jewels is revealed to sensational effect in new exhibition galleries to be opened on Thursday at the Tower of London.

Intense fibre optic lighting makes them sparkle as never before and toughened glass showcases allow visitors to see them at close quarters. The crowns are as little as 18 inches away, compared to four or five feet in the old galleries. The more spacious new galleries allow visitors to view the jewels from both sides.

At peak periods, moving walkways take visitors slowly past the main display of crowns. David Beeton, chief executive of Historic Royal Palaces, which carried out the £10 million project, said: "Previously, visitors at peak times caught only a fleeting look at objects which can only be fully appreciated at close quarters."

Up to 20,000 visitors a day are expected. The old jewel house could accommodate only 5,000 and sometimes 15,000 arrived.

Captions have been kept to a minimum and the story of the jewels is given instead in short audio-visual displays. The first, no more than three minutes, shows scenes from the Coronation on three screens. Two other pairs of new Japanese high-definition television screens show historic film footage of monarchs using Coronation regalia on state occasions.

Crowns and jewels are enlarged up to 10ft square. Every facet of diamonds such as the koh-i-noor, presented to Queen Victoria in 1849, and the Star of Africa, cut from the 3106-carat Cullinan diamond presented to Edward VII in 1907 by the Transvaal government, can be appreciated.

Mr Beeton said: "To avoid reflections from photographic lights, the jewels were placed in a large paper tent and the camera lens poked through a little hole. If you look carefully you can just see the lens reflected in one of the orbs."

Theft has nothing to do with poverty, says Hunt

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MOST stealing is the result of wickedness and greed and has nothing to do with poverty, according to David Hunt, the Employment Secretary.

"It is often said that poverty — and unemployment — create crime. In my experience the converse is true," he says in a wide-ranging discussion paper that steps close to the back-to-basics message which has been widely omitted from recent ministerial speeches.

He writes: "Some of the so-called cultures springing up in our country reject all decency and civilised values — the cultures of the housebreaker, the hippy and the hoodlum. The bulk of thieving today, of course, has nothing to do with poverty. It is the result of wickeness and greed.

"Drug users may be too pathetic to be termed greedy, but drug dealers are not. They license all too much of today's crime, sending out addicts to rob and mug, then raking in the financial rewards. Almost nobody today robs to buy food, and they do not mug to buy school clothes for their children. No degree of poverty in Britain today forces people into crime to subsist. We should not confuse rising expectations and demands with 'poverty'."



Hunt: "No degree of poverty forces crime"

Mr Hunt says: "I, and millions of others, learnt about the difference between right and wrong at an early age — from my parents, at school and in those days from the media. Family, friends and neighbours are the basic building blocks of any balanced and moral society."

He says that there are countless beacons of hope and optimism in Britain, many of them in the toughest areas, in the form of admirable co-operatives and community entrepreneurs who are breathing life back into those areas and recreating communities. "For every young car thief there are many, many more industrious youngsters working away in City Technology Colleges."

He adds: "But the good sense and success of some cannot be an excuse for the depravity of others, nor can it disguise it. Societies, after all, can legitimately be judged on the performance of their least successful members, and there is enormous room for improvement."

He says that the £2 billion cost of crimes against retailers is borne by consumers and by reduced employment. "It is depressingly common for a small shop to lose £10,000 a year through petty crime — the equivalent of a job — and these are just the figures for retailing. Factories and warehouses have the same problem with the same results. Crime destroys business morale and destroys jobs."

□ *Right Ahead, Conservatism and the Social Market* by David Hunt (Conservative Political Centre).

Trainees to gain £2m after Whitehall slip

BY OUR HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is to pay more than £2 million to trainee probation officers after a breach of contract blunder cut their pay by several thousand pounds a year.

Some trainees were forced to quit courses where they were studying for a diploma in social work as a result of the decision which reduced pay for 422 trainees by between 15 and 80 per cent. The Home Office has reached an out-of-court settlement after it allegedly breached the trainees' contracts.

Payments to individuals will normally range from £5,000 to £10,000. The highest amount paid so far to a trainee exceeded £16,000.

Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, said: "The Home Office acted unilaterally and wrongly and they are paying the price for their managerial incompetence." The Home Office acted after an Inland Revenue ruling that trainee probation officers were students rather than employees. Until then, they had been paid a salary ranging from £7,800 to £9,200.

Instead of continuing to pay a salary to students who had already accepted places on courses in July 1992, the Government introduced a system of grants which cut the income of the trainees.

Mr Fletcher said that the 1992 intake of trainee probation officers had suffered cuts of up to 80 per cent in pay and many had resigned from their jobs on the strength of the promised wage.

A Home Office spokesman said: "We very much regret that probation students starting courses in 1992 were not given sufficient warning of a change in their funding arrangements."

Safeguards sought for suspects

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

OPPOSITION to government proposals to curb a suspect's automatic right to silence is renewed today with the publication of a report that gives a warning of the dangers of wrongful conviction.

Justice, the all-party law reform group, says that, instead of government measures to tamper with the right to silence, there should be more stringent rules to protect suspects from being convicted on confession evidence.

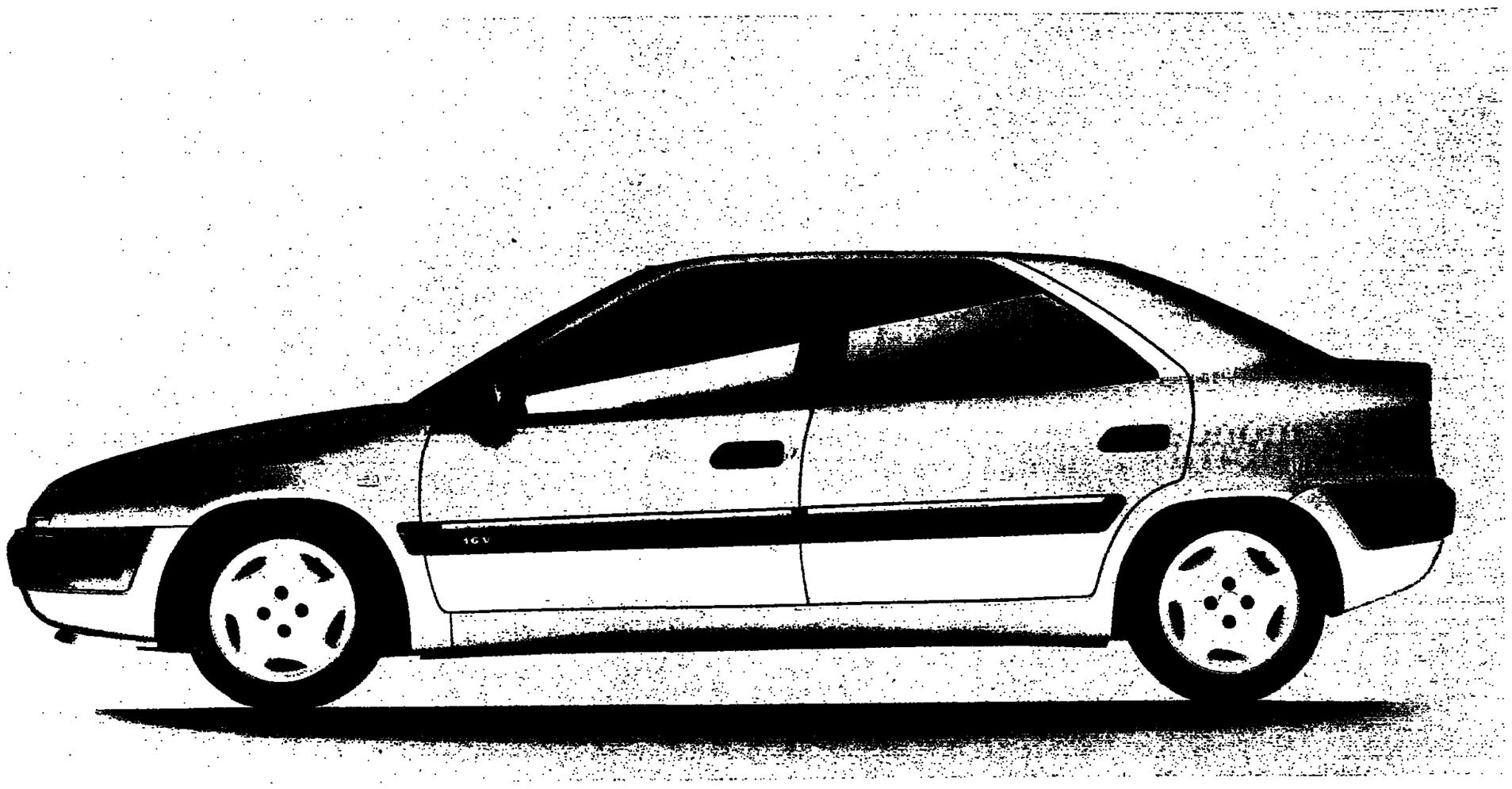
A study of 89 cases found big gaps in existing safeguards. These included: the reluctance or refusal to allow suspects access to legal advice; the obtaining by police of informal, unrecorded exchanges, such as in police cells or cars; and the failure of lawyers and courts properly to enforce procedures.

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Fields that grow nothing yield lucrative harvest

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

■ Farmers who have benefited from the European Community's set-aside subsidy will this year reap even richer rewards

FOR the past five years, Robert Sherriff and his wife Penny have been paid £27,000 a year for growing only grass on more than half their 600-acre farm. They will be paid as much as £42,000 this year.

Mr Sherriff is one of 35,000 arable farmers in Britain expected to apply for grants of up to £129 for every acre on which they do not plant crops. About 1.7 million acres, bigger than Lincolnshire, could be left fallow at a cost to the taxpayer of £200 million.

Faced with mounting food surpluses, Britain and other European Community states are paying farmers to grow nothing to counter years of paying them subsidies to grow too much.

The Sherriffs started harvesting cash rather than crops at Bayford, Hertfordshire, in 1988, when they volunteered with a few other pioneers for a five-year trial of the set-aside scheme. Since last year, set-aside has become virtually compulsory for arable farmers with more than 40 acres.

"I was attracted by the security of income," Mr Sherriff said. "There was a lot of talk in 1988 of agricultural reform and even of doing away with price support. Set-aside offered a guaranteeed £88 an acre for doing nothing except mow the grass once a year. About 150 acres of the farm had always been marginal, low-yielding land anyway."

Mr Sherriff put down to grass 300 acres that had previously grown wheat, beans and oilseed rape. With half the farm idle, he laid off the two farmhands he had employed and hires contractors for such work as ploughing and spraying. Economists believe that at least one farming job is lost for every 300 acres set aside.

This year, under the even more generous compulsory scheme, Mr Sherriff is thinking of setting aside up to 375 acres. He will be entitled to £129 an acre for 60 per cent of this fallow area and £88 an acre for the rest, a total of about £42,000.

By taking part of his land out of production, he will qualify for other grants on the crops he does grow: £77 for each of his 170 acres of wheat and £144 for each of his 55 acres of beans, a further £21,000. The money is guaranteed even if the crops fail.

These payments are to compensate for the phased withdrawal of the guaranteed high prices which EC farmers have been paid and which are blamed for food surpluses dumped outside the Community, to the fury of other cereal producers.

Mr Sherriff, like most other farmers, feels no embarrassment about accepting the largesse. He suspects the EC subsidy system may collapse under its own weight and says he is making hay while the sun shines: metaphorically, of course; real hay-making is barred under set-aside rules.

"I don't see why farmers should feel guilty," he said. "We have got a breathing space of perhaps several years in which to get used to growing crops for much lower prices. These are bound to come with the pressure for freer world trade, but we cannot adjust overnight to farming on 20 or 30 per cent less income."

Mr Sherriff said set-aside had helped wildlife. "There are far more butterflies on the farm now as well as birds such as skylarks, greenfinches, lapwings and sparrowhawks. I have also seen bramblings for the first time in the 17 years we have been here. We take care not to disturb ground-nesting birds during the breeding season from March to the end of July."

Last year, thousands of birds attracted to set-aside fields were massacred by too-early mowing of grass. This year, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, one of the few conservation bodies enthusiastic about set-aside, has sent leaflets to 40,000 arable farmers on how to manage fallow land to maximise the benefits for birds.

As a master of foxhounds with the Enfield Chase, Mr Sherriff appreciates more crop-free land for horses and hounds to hunt over. "All field sports have benefited because one of the few things you are allowed to grow on set-aside land is game cover."

He is one of a few farmers who have kept half or more of their land out of production for years. Most farmers started set-aside last year, when they were paid to leave no more than 15 per cent of their land without crops. The rules have been changed to offer all farmers the alternative of putting 18 to 50 per cent of their land into long-term set-aside, which offers more scope for wildlife than fields left fallow for one season.

JAMES MORGAN



Robert Sherriff, as master of foxhounds, on one of his set-aside fields yesterday

Anglican vicars fare worst in weddings survey

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

ANGLICAN vicars spend the least time of any clergy preparing couples for marriage, according to a report published today.

The findings will be viewed with seriousness in the Church because Anglican vicars, representing the established Church, carry out more weddings than any other denomination. Good wedding preparation by a minister is thought to play a key role in helping couples to forge a lasting relationship.

A survey of ministers and clergy across the main churches in England found that Anglicans performed the most weddings and Baptists the least. The United Reformed Church remarried the greatest number of divorcees: 56 per cent of weddings involved second marriages. Among the Roman Catholic priests, 2.9 per cent of weddings involved divorced people.

Anglican vicars were most negative about the marriage side of their work: most said their marriage preparation work could be more effective if they had more time. They complained of "dissatisfaction, frustration, being poorly resourced and poorly trained". Methodists were the second most negative.

More than 66 per cent of Anglican vicars said they married couples who were "ill-prepared for married life", compared with 4.5 per cent of leaders of house churches — new evangelical churches which meet in halls, community centres or people's homes.

The average amount of time spent with couples by an Anglican vicar is 2.8 hours, whereas house church leaders were likely to spend nearly six hours with each couple.

Of all couples who married in an Anglican church, 4.7 per cent attended church regularly, compared with 84.8 per cent of couples who married in a house church.

Anglican vicars were also least optimistic about their own marriages, only 25 per cent agreeing with the statement: "My work has a positive effect on my marriage."

More than 20 per cent of Anglican vicars had experienced difficulties in their own marriages which were serious enough to threaten their survival.

More than 100 ministers and clergy aged from 27 to 71 years old, from the Church of England, Roman Catholic and other churches, filled in questionnaires asking about their own marriages, their church, how they prepare people for marriage and how they approach marriage difficulties among church members.

The report, by Jacqui Butler, of the Marriage and Family Project at the Cheltenham and Gloucester college of higher education, recommends: "The findings do suggest that there is a need for some churches to provide more marriage support than they do."

Guppy responds to plea over money

BY LIN JENKINS

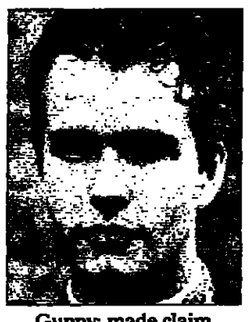
THE Crown Prosecution Service is to investigate information given by Darius Guppy, the convicted fraudster, after the Court of Appeal invited him to disclose the whereabouts of the money and jewellery from a bogus £1.8 million insurance claim.

Guppy, an Old Etonian who was best man to Earl Spencer, brother of the Princess of Wales, is appealing against a five-year sentence and a fine of £533,000.

The court had ordered Guppy and Benedict Marsh, his accomplice who received identical sentences, to disclose their present means, the "source and whereabouts" of those means and the "destiny of jewellery stolen by them and money received from underwriters" in settlement of the insurance claim.

The pair, both 29, faced an extra 3½ years in jail if the fines were not paid by a certain date, now passed, under the sentences imposed at Snaresbrook Crown Court last March by Judge Brooks.

Guppy claimed that his share from the insurance fraud resulting from a bogus gems robbery in a New York hotel was only £300,000 of which £227,000 was left. Detectives estimated that the pair salted away up to £4 million. The insurance payout after the bogus raid was never found and another £2 million is still missing.



Guppy: made claim after bogus robbery

Man killed in light plane crash

A man died and another person was seriously injured when a light aircraft crashed into a field near a motorway yesterday.

The accident happened at Lighthorne near Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, at 3pm. Police said the plane disintegrated on impact and the wreckage was scattered over a wide area. Local doctors arrived on the scene within minutes of the crash and administered first aid to the survivor until paramedics arrived.

No details of the dead or injured are yet known. Civil Aviation Authority accident investigators have been sent to find the cause of the crash.

Files dumped

Alan Simpson, Labour MP for Nottingham South, prompted an enquiry yesterday after being handed secret social services documents found in a food store's rubbish skip. He said that the files contained highly personal case histories.

Ram raider

A woman disturbed by her front windows being smashed found a large ram injured and bleeding in her living room in Caistor, Lincolnshire. Police said it probably saw its reflection in the window and decided to have a fight.

Cancer deaths

Britain has the worst survival rate for breast cancer in the European Union, according to a survey for BBC1's *Panorama* tonight which says that 60 per cent of British women survive, compared with 66 per cent in other states.

Gang rape

A 19-year-old man was raped by a gang of men at a notorious gay pick-up spot called Duke's Mound on Brighton seafront. Police say people should avoid the area at night.

Smoked out

Britain has 2.2 million cigar smokers, compared with three million at the habit's peak in the late 1970, says a Euromonitor report.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly National Savings Premium Bonds prize draw: £100,000, bond number 14QN 894438, from Bristol, value of holding £12,004; £50,000, 11GS 775448, Bedfordshire (£11,901); £25,000, 29FB 822154, London (£1,452).

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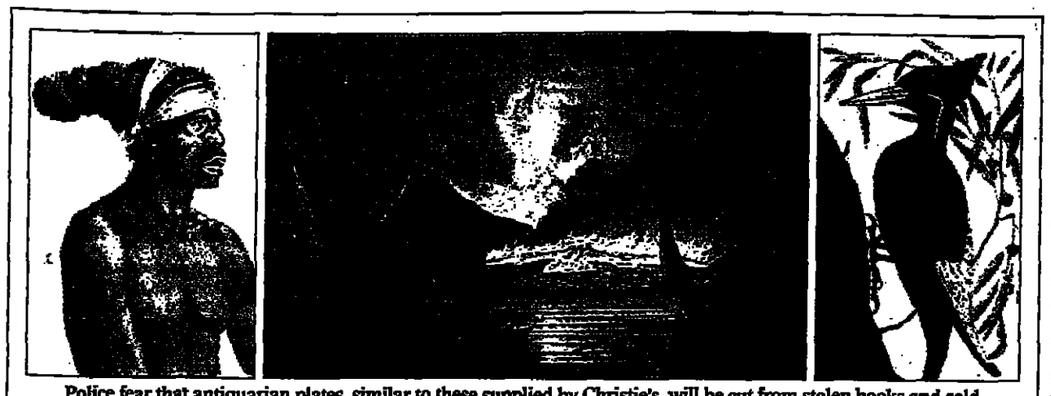
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Police fear that antiquarian plates, similar to these supplied by Christie's, will be cut from stolen books and sold

Book thief could strip out plates

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

POLICE have mounted a search for a £500,000 cache of illustrated antiquarian books amid growing concern that they could be stripped of their plates and ruined because they are too well-known to be sold intact.

The books, dating back to the 16th century, were systematically stolen from the London Library, which was founded in 1841. So far, one man has been arrested but only one of the 38 titles stolen between last July and the end of January from secure areas of the library has been recovered.

The missing books were taken without any evidence of a break-in. They cover subjects from architecture to costumes and botany. The most valuable, worth up to £100,000, is the six-volume *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*, published in Cologne between 1572 and 1617, which contains many engraved views and is probably the earliest surviving systematic city atlas.

The library, in St James's Square, discovered the books were missing after an anonymous caller who described himself as a "lover of libraries" said they were being "offered on the market".

Det Con Glen Burchall, arts and antiques officer at West End Central police station, yesterday appealed for the man to contact him "in the strictest confidence". DC Burchall said: "The thing that worries me is that the plates will be cut out and sold, thereby destroying them."

To try to locate the titles, Christie's the auctioneers has supplied police with six samples of illustrations from comparable books that have appeared in their sales between 1991 and 1993. Three are reproduced here.

Because there was no break-in, neither members of the library nor staff have been ruled out as culprits.

The man arrested, who has been released on bail, was detained after four books were unwittingly bought and sold by the antiquarian dealers Bernard Shapiro of west London. The firm recognised the titles and contacted police after the library alerted the trade. Identifying marks had been erased from the title recovered, *The Natural History of Carolina, Florida and the Bahama Islands of 1731*.

Shrinking world shifts power to the nimblest

In the global paradox, John Naisbitt *writes, the smallest players take the biggest roles and reap the rewards*

The bigger and more open the world economy becomes, the more small and middle-sized companies will dominate. America's Fortune 500 companies now account for only 10 per cent of the US economy, down from 20 per cent in 1970. It is news to most Americans because the US business media is passionately devoted to covering the Fortune 500 companies almost exclusively, although 90 per cent of the US economy is in small and medium-sized companies. Individuals are creating the new US economy and entrepreneurs everywhere are creating the global economy.

Big companies today are trying to act like small companies to survive. Jack Welch, chief executive of General Electric, says: "What we are trying relentlessly to do is get that small-company soul — and small company speed — inside our big company body."

In today's competitive world, quality can be replicated anywhere. The competitive edge is innovation and swiftness to market. Small, agile companies will beat big bureaucracies every time. Small is powerful. The most decentralised of the large global concerns is ABB Asea Brown Boveri, the world's largest power engineering company. Annual revenues exceed $30 billion (£20.2 billion) from 1,200 companies. Each company averages 200 people. Percy Barnevik, the chief executive, says: "We are not a global business. We are a collection of local businesses with intense global co-ordination."

In Belgium, European Telecom helps Europeans save money by routing their international calls through American carriers in California. European Telecom has only three employees and $50,000 of equipment.

The almost perfect metaphor for the movement from bureaucracies of every kind to small, autonomous units is the shift from the mainframe to PCs with PCs networked together. What is unfolding is a global paradox. The bigger the world economy, the more powerful its smallest players: countries and companies, right down to the individual.

As the world integrates economically, the component parts are becoming smaller and more numerous and more important. At once, the global economy is growing while its parts are shrinking. The bigger the system, the more efficient its parts must be. (The great negative example of this is the old Soviet Union, whose inefficient parts brought about its collapse.)

We must make business units smaller and smaller so we can more efficiently globalise our economies. The paradox continues: the huge economy is generating smaller market niches. A Mexican company saw a market niche for small refrigerators for hotel rooms and offices. Today that company sells more refrigerators to the US than any other company in the world. The more we integrate the world's economies, the more we will differentiate. Differentiation is now a powerful driver of change. The more democracy, the greater the number of countries in the world. In Barcelona in the summer Olympics of 1992, there were teams representing 172 countries. For the Olympics in Atlanta in 1996, they are planning on the participation of well over 200 countries. In Sydney, four years later, there may be as many as 300 countries.

This spread of self-rule will characterise the decade in front of us. Along the way, it will become overwhelmingly apparent that the idea of countries and borders is important symbolically and culturally, but not too relevant in a single world economy dominated by person-to-person communications.

The global paradox is being powered by the revolution in telecommunications, the driving force that is simultaneously creating the huge global economy and making its parts smaller and more powerful.

We are moving toward a world where everyone will be able to communicate with anyone in the world by voice, data and image — and it will all be wireless. It will take a long time to get there, but that is where we are heading.

Today, a person's business card might list a phone number for office and home, a fax number, an E-mail number, an Internet number and car phone number. But soon each of us will have a lifelong number that goes wherever he or she goes. A personal computer assistant (which is always with us) will sort out what messages go where.

Where we have always called a place and asked for a person, in the new world we will call a person's unique number and the computer in the sky will find them. This zeroing in on the individual in the new telecommunications revolution will give new and powerful meaning to the global paradox.

Another major paradox that helps us sort out what is going on in the world is that the more universal we become, the more tribal we act. The desire for balance between the tribal and the universal has always been with us. Now, democracy and the revolution in telecommunications (which spreads word about democracy and gives it urgency) have brought this need for balance between tribal and universal to a new level. As we globalise the world's economies, many more things will become universal. What remains tribal will become more important and more powerful. Take language. As English becomes everyone's second language, their mother tongue becomes more important and more passionately held. The tribal/universal paradox accounts for all the ambiguity being experienced throughout Europe.

All over the world, people are agreeing to trade more freely with each other. And all over the world, people are asserting their independence, their sovereignty, their distinctiveness. The economic interdependence of the European Union has led people in its member nations to want to hold on their identity, language, culture and history. The riddle of the 1990s is this: what will become universal and what will remain tribal?

The Times Essay

With the new emphasis on what is tribal in a world increasingly global, the New Age mantra, "think globally, act locally", is turned on its head. "Think locally, act globally."

We have witnessed the end of communism, the decline of the nation-state, the emergence of a single-market world economy, the spread of democracy and the revolution in telecommunications. These changes set the stage for extraordinary opportunities for entrepreneurs and small companies. The global paradox tells us that the opportunities for each of us as individuals are far greater than at any time in human history.

☐ *John Naisbitt is the author of* Global Paradox: The Bigger the World Economy, the More Powerful its Smallest Players *(Nicholas Brealey Publishing, March 24, £14.99)*



KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Baroque chess

The Cafe Baroque in Covent Garden has established itself as an important new supporter of chess. Within the past month, it has staged two international tournaments to offer young players the chance to play for the international master title. In the game below, international master Andrew Whiteley, a three times member of the English Olympic team, wins a positional tussle against a fellow master.

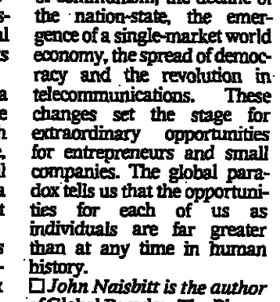
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Black: Andrew Whiteley
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King's Indian Defence

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3	Nc3	Bg7
4	e4	d6
5	Be2	0-0
6	Nf3	e5
7	0-0	Nc6
8	d5	Ne7
9	Nd2	a5
10	a3	Nd7
11	Rb1	f5
12	b4	axb4
13	axb4	Nf6
14	Qc2	Kh8
15	Bb2	c6
16	Bf3	Qb6
17	c5	Qxb4
18	cxd6	Qxd6
19	Nc4	Qd8
20	d6	Neg8
21	Rbd1	Nd7
22	exf5	gxf5
23	g3	e4
24	Bg2	b6
25	Ne2	Bxb2
26	Nxb2	Qf6
27	Nf4	Ra2
28	Rd2	Ba6
29	Re1	Nc5
30	Nh5	Bd3
31	Nxf6	Bxc2
32	Nxg8	Rxb2
33	Rc1	Kxg8
34	Rdxc2	Rxc2
35	Rxc2	Kf7
36	Rb2	Rb8
37	f3	Ke6
38	bxe4	bxe4

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Winning Move, page 44

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2 Summerscale	½	*	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	6½
3 Ledger	½	½	*	½	1	1	½	½	1	0	5½
4 Mortazavi	½	½	½	*	½	½	0	½	½	1	4½
5 Whiteley	0	½	0	½	*	0	1	1	½	1½	4½
6 McMahon	0	0	0	½	1	*	½	½	1	½	4
7 Martin	0	½	½	1	0	½	*	½	0	½	4
8 Morris	0	0	½	½	0	½	½	*	1	1	4
9 Carton	½	0	0	½	½	0	1	0	*	½	3
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Berlusconi's vague goals score with Italian voters



Berlusconi: denies links with Sicilian Mafia

FROM TOM RHODES IN MILAN AND JOHN PHILLIPS IN PALERMO

IF OPINION polls are to be believed, the media magnate, Silvio Berlusconi, has a better than average chance of winning next weekend's Italian election in alliance with the separatist Northern League and the southern neo-Fascists.

Until recently Signor Berlusconi was widely seen as a merchant prince enamoured of fast cars and expensive apartments. But many Italians are beginning to realise that Signor Berlusconi as Prime Minister is a serious possibility and are asking what his Forza Italia (Go, Italy) movement stands for. For some the fact that its platform is rather vague is a drawback. But for others the fact that 74 per cent of those standing for Forza Italia have no governing experience *whatever is seen as a bonus in a* country whose political culture is discredited.

"What is happening here is unique," said Roberto Lasagne, the Forza Italia campaign manager. "For the first time, someone is playing for Italy."

Football analogies are much favoured in the Berlusconi camp: Signor Berlusconi owns AC Milan. There is much talk of "taking the field to build the new Italian miracle". The name Forza Italia is, in itself, a football slogan.

A Berlusconi victory would be a remarkable turn of events for Italy and Europe, given that Forza Italia was only launched formally a mere two months ago. It was then that Signor Berlusconi invited Signor Lasagne to resign as chief executive of Saatchi and Saatchi in Italy to co-ordinate his campaign and stand for the Senate in Milan.

Signor Berlusconi has surrounded himself with the young *and upwardly mobile*, all of whom, it seems, are prepared to work the 18 hours a day he believes will bring victory in the polls. He has used his three

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commercial television networks to blitz the voting public prior to the election. With a hauntingly catchy theme tune in the background, each advertising spot skilfully invokes all that is closest to the hearts of Italian voters: the family, optimism, hard work, the nation, relaxation, tradition.

Ezio Maria Ciuti, head of the marketing company Mediaforce, says it is the first time an Italian politician and party have been sold to the public American-style. "The launch of Forza Italia was planned in exactly the same way as the launch of a brand. Berlusconi understands the language of advertising. It is a highly discriminating campaign," he said.

The vacuum left by the tainted Christian Democrats has also played a part. Signor Berlusconi has not been implicated in any of the business and political scandals exposed by the crusading "clean hands" judges. Their investigations have come very close to him, and even closer to his brother Paulo, chairman of Edilnord, a construction subsidiary of Fininvest, Signor Berlusconi's main holding company.

As the election campaign enters its final week, questions are being asked about Silvio Berlusconi's involvement with the shadowy Masonic lodge, Propaganda 2 (P2), which he joined in 1978. In the early 1970s the lodge started a campaign of anti-Communist political manipulation, subversion and suspected terrorism, culminating in an alleged role in the Bologna station bomb of 1980. Bettino Craxi, the Socialist leader and godfather to one of Signor Berlusconi's children, was recently charged with having profited from the lodge's bank, the Banco Ambrosiano.

Signor Berlusconi launched his election campaign in Sicily yesterday as magistrates opened four separate investigations into alleged links between the Mafia and his media empire. Speaking to 5,000 Forza Italia supporters in Palermo, he strongly denied testimony by a Cosa Nostra supergrass who has accused the television mogul's right-hand man, Marcello Dell'Utri, of obtaining lucrative construction contracts in the Sicilian capital through friendship with the Porta Nuova and Santa Maria del Gesù Mafia clans. He claimed his only experience of the Mafia was an attempt by the organisation to kidnap his son, Piersilvio, 20 years ago.

"These are absurdities that emerge because they do not want me to win a majority in the election," Signor Berlusconi said. "Every vote that Forza Italia wins in Sicily will be a vote against the Mafia."

Signor Berlusconi is adept at turning the tables by using the rumour mill to his benefit. He also has an intuitive sense of what the Italian public wants to see, how it wants to live and, for his 40,000 employees, why it wants to work.

The question is whether Italy is ready to vote in a magnetic political impresario of this kind. Bruna Vergani, a director of J. Walter Thompson, who was a close friend of Signor Berlusconi in the 1970s, admits to being concerned about the brave new world he espouses. "On the one hand he is intelligent and fascinating," she said. "On the other hand, he is too strong. He is too much of a dealer to be able to lead as PrIme Minister."

Signora Vergani will nevertheless vote for Signor Berlusconi as the man she considers offers the best hope for a bloodless transition to a new Italy.

Neutral Sweden worries over defence link-up

FROM NICHOLAS GEORGE IN STOCKHOLM

SWEDEN is to join the Nato-backed *Partnership for Peace* in an historic blurring of the country's traditional neutrality. The intensifying debate over defence has been further sharpened by instability in Russia and the fears of many Swedes that they are abandoning *a security policy that has* kept the peace for 180 years.

The exact nature of the commitment to the partnership is yet to be decided, but it has become an important element of the debate in Sweden and Finland as the two countries apply to join the European Union with its commitment to common security.

Aware of the sensitivity of the issue in a country whose last war was against Russia in 1809, Carl Bildt, the Swedish Prime Minister, has emphasised that the country will remain non-aligned and its defence a purely Swedish responsibility. Other members of his government have been less guarded about the security implications of joining the EU, especially after the threats to Finland and the Baltic states by Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the Russian nationalist politician. Anders Björck, the Defence Minister, said that with its membership Swedish territory would become Union territory, and Sweden would no longer be an isolated part of Europe vulnerable to an aggressive regime *in Moscow. "It is unthinkable* that anyone would attack Sweden when Sweden is a member of the EU without serious consequences," he added.

Sweden is one of the few European countries to increase its defence spending. The extra money is being used on such projects as the development of the JAS 39 Gripen light combat aircraft and the recently announced purchase of 120 German Leopard tanks. The navy has also been spending more funds as the incursion of Russian submarines *into Swedish waters persists.*

The increase in defence expenditure is partly a political move but reflects fears about the uncertainty of events to the east and the nature of the Russian military in the region. The Russian army still calls the area round St Petersburg the Leningrad military district, and it is here and to the Kola peninsula that the most modern equipment from east Germany and Central Europe has been moved. The threat is seen as greatest to the Baltic states with whom Sweden is keen to secure political and trading ties.

Not everyone sees the EU as offering increased security. Dr Wilhiem Agrell, of Lund University, says the new Swedish policy is in danger of falling between two stools. "Sweden and Finland have to opt for a strong alliance that is certain to protect them or they have to stay at arm's length allowing them room to manoeuvre."

With the acceptance of the EU's common security and defence policy, he believes the two countries have ended up with neither. "We can see from the past the trouble small countries have experienced with weak systems of alliances," he added.

☐ Date set: Sweden will hold a referendum on joining the European Union on November 13. *(AFP)*

Mitterrand calms D-Day tensions

Paris: President Mitterrand, anxious to reduce Franco-German friction over D-Day anniversary celebrations, said yesterday there was no reason for tension between the two countries. Relations have been strained by the decision not to invite Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, to the ceremonies in Normandy in June marking the 50th anniversary of the allied landing. M Mitterrand will attend with Queen Elizabeth and President Clinton.

"The state of relations between France and Germany does not at all justify this emotion," M Mitterrand said in a statement. "Herr Kohl has not asked me for anything." He and the government had friendly and constructive relations with Herr Kohl and the rest of the Bonn administration. ..... Leading article, page 19



Bernard Tapie, leader of the Radical Energy Party who is seeking election in the cantonal polls, casting his vote in a Marseilles polling station yesterday

French electors poised to sour Balladur honeymoon

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRENCH voters were yesterday expected to deliver an indirect rebuke to Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister, in the first round of local elections which come as the Gaullist-led government reaches the end of its first year in office with its image severely tarnished.

The biennial vote for half the cantons of the 95 provincial *départements* is always viewed as a test of government *popularity. This is the first* under a right-wing government for 15 years, and the Socialist Party hopes that disillusion with the Balladur team will offer a psychological victory which will help its own recovery from the electoral disaster last March in which it was reduced to 18 per cent of parliamentary seats.

Until only a couple of months ago, the two-round cantonal vote — the second round is next Sunday — would have passed with barely a ripple. However, M Balladur's team has hit a bout of turbulence which is giving renewed hope to Michel Rocard, the Socialist leader.

After a long and intense honeymoon, M Balladur is now being held to account for failing to stem the rise in unemployment. Even on his own side he is being sniped at for timidity and bungling attempts at reform.

Violent protests have culminated in recent weeks with marches by hundreds of thousands of youths against a scheme to cut the minimum wage for the young. As part of a government bid to regain the initiative, Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, who is also standing for local election, has promised no mercy for "rioters".

Bernard Tapie, the controversial businessman Socialist, and Robert Hue, new leader of the Communist Party, also seek election.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kohl faces defeat in key local elections

Bonn: Germany's political parties yesterday locked antlers for another test of electoral strength in a round of local council elections in the far north of the country (Roger Boyes writes). The election was the second of 18 popular ballots this year.

The Social Democrats (SPD) led Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) by 38 per cent to 37 per cent in the polling in Schleswig-Holstein, according to initial computer projections. Observers predicted defeat for the Chancellor following setbacks last autumn in Hamburg and Lower Saxony.

TV crew shot

Mogadishu: Ilaria Alpi, 28, a reporter and Miran Krovatin, 45, a cameraman for the Italian television network RAI-3, were shot dead when bandits in Mogadishu. They were travelling with a Somali driver and three armed guards. *(AP)*

Aide killed

Warsaw: Andrzej Piwowarczyk, head of the office of Waldemar Pawlak, the Polish Prime Minister, was killed when his car skidded off the road and hit a tree, state television said. *(Reuter)*

Visit starts

Tel Aviv: The Dalai Lama, exiled spiritual leader of Tibet, arrived for his first, private, visit to Israel. He said he admired the Jewish people "who have been our constant supporters since we lost our homeland". *(AFP)*

Home ruling

Auckland: Britain is to cease a century-long practice of providing Tonga with its chief justice and judges. A local magazine reported that Britain will also not subsidise judges' salaries. *(AFP)*

Dive to death

Nicosia: A Greek parachute instructor and a Cypriot woman crashed to their death in Paphos when the parachute with which they were skydiving together failed to open. *(Reuter)*

President weds

Yaounde: President Biya of Cameroon, a widower aged 61, has married Chantal Vigouroux, a beautiful 24-year-old. Sabeh Azar, her Lebanese step-father, negotiated the bride-price, which was not disclosed. *(Reuter)*



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Tired Yeltsin prefers dacha to desk

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

This season's Russian film hit is *Dreams*, the story of an aristocrat who before the 1917 revolution develops clairvoyant powers and foresees what will befall her native land. To her fellow gentry's horror, she foretells the Bolshevik takeover and Stalinism.

Then, to their relief, she announces that communism will come to an ignominious end and that a sovereign Russia will be reborn. Her friends ask who will rule it. She furrows her brow and peers into the future. "I can see a ruler," she murmurs. "But I can't see anybody ruling it".

The spontaneous applause which greeted this scene at the film's Moscow premiere testifies to the chaotic state of governance in Moscow and the growing popular doubt in President Yeltsin's ability to fill the powerful role he has designed for himself. For the past week, Mr Yeltsin has been relaxing on the Black Sea coast, the latest of sudden disappearances fuelling rumours about his fading health and appetite for work. He took two weeks off in January with that most perturbing of Kremlin ailments — a common cold — at the beginning of the year, delayed his first speech to the new parliament in its aftermath, and has been spending more time at his dacha and less at his desk.

Whether or not he has a serious illness, as the gossip alleges, he is not a healthy man. His eyes are rheumy, his face puffy, his once booming voice tends to crack, and he has taken to wearing a back corset to relieve a painful spine.

His own words — "What I have had to bear in the last two years is too much for any man to take" — are a cry of profound weariness. All too visibly he has become tired of the burden of responsibility, exhausted by the fight. Compare this with the rude vitality of Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the extreme nationalist leader, with his ruddy cheeks, swaggering gait and the surplus energy channelled into creating new scandals and dressing up in ever more dramatic garb to address the Duma and you can see why the presidential spokesman has declared it an "unpatriotic act" to speculate on the health of the leader.

When Mr Yeltsin dissolved the old parliament, which was set on undermining his leadership and reforms, he backed his action with the moral claim that Russia needed authoritative — even authoritarian — rule to survive. But a strong presidency, especially at a time of social and political transition, needs a strong President, and it is doubtful whether Mr Yeltsin still has the requisite energy to carry on the leadership in a capacity other than figurehead.

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Aid officials insist the highway to besieged Muslim enclave will remain open

Tears and laughter greet the first UN convoy into Maglaj

FROM TIM JUDAH IN MAGLAJ

MEN, women and children ran down to the road to wave and cry as the first United Nations convoy in five months rolled into Maglaj. They crowded the balconies of their shattered flats, and fathers lifted awestruck children to see the famous blue helmets, who had arrived at last.

"Thank God, you came now," said Sejo, a 21-year-old soldier. Sefia Haijlovic, 55, broke down and sobbed: "I never thought you would come. These are tears of happiness, but the tears of sorrow are still the greatest. We lost everything, families, children ... and we are refugees. Now we are begging for food." Cherry blossom is budding and daffodils are in flower. The grass in front of every block of flats has been ploughed up to make kitchen-gardens, but local produce has not been enough to sustain 120,000 people, including 50,000 refugees. The evidence of how the Muslim enclave lived lies in the rubbish, little brown plastic bags, all that remains of food and medicine parcels dropped by air almost nightly. "Yuk," said Ado, 13, "only lentils."

As the nine lorries of the UN convoy unloaded, Nato jets circled menacingly above; Serb positions are still a mere



500 yards from some parts of town. Eager civil defence officials carried the sacks and boxes from the lorries while local officials barked orders and directions. An old man laughed with his friends as a bursting bag turned him white with flour.

Yesterday's first UN convoy into town in five months was also a symbol of hope that the war, at least against the Croats, is really over. The war between the former allies cut Maglaj and neighbouring Tesanj off from the rest of central Bosnia. Local Serb forces then joined the siege with the Croats.

The astounding political developments of the past month have changed everything once again. The Croats and Muslims have made peace. That left only the Serbs besieging the enclave. On March 14 the UN Security Council demanded that the siege be lifted. Every day since then the UN has asked for permission to send food into Maglaj and the Serbs have refused.

On Saturday night, however, they suddenly pulled back. Major Richard Margeson, the British UN officer in charge of the Maglaj convoy operation, said: "It happened very quickly, there was a window of opportunity and we took it. Permission was not needed and it was not asked for."

The dramatic changes mean Maglaj is no longer an enclave but has been physically rejoined to Croat-Muslim held Bosnia. Larry Hollingworth, of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said the siege was over, adding: "This is not a hit-and-run convoy. The corridor to Maglaj is open and it is going to remain open."

"Now things are great," said Jupi, a 23-year-old soldier. He and his comrades were sure the war with the Croats was over, but not so sure that the one with the Serbs had run its course. "War over?", laughed one. "It's only just begun." Another waved: "We're going to [Serb-held] Banja Luka. It won't be over until the whole country is free."

Sarajevo soccer, page 1



A Bosnian Croat soldier reunited with his son after being released by his Muslim captors at the weekend. He had been held for nine months. The prisoner exchange, involving 864 men from both sides, was co-ordinated by the Red Cross

Serb chief retains appetite for war

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

UNITED Nations military officers and aid workers have begun to talk openly about the war in Bosnia coming to an end and, with yesterday's unexpected partial lifting of the Serb siege of Maglaj in the north, the peace mood seemed justified.

Yet in some areas the Serbs are continuing to shell communities and mount "ethnic cleansing" operations as if nothing has changed. General Ratko Mladic, the ruthless Bosnian Serb army commander has always played his cards astutely. It may suit him to allow food into Maglaj for the time being, if only to avoid the implied threat from Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, the UN commander, of Nato air strikes if his troops continued to block aid convoys.

However, General Mladic has not given up his ambition to seize more territory. Both in Maglaj and in the Bihac pocket to the northeast, General Mladic's ambition still seems to be to drive the Muslims further south. Bihac is still shelled and the eastern Bosnian "safe areas" of Srebrenica and Gorazde are also still shelled occasionally. This is a reminder that the Serb military commander intends to pursue his campaign to drive non-Serbs out of the areas of confrontation and into the now peaceful region of central Bosnia.

The most flagrant abuses of human rights by the Serbs can be found in Banja Luka, which is inside Serb-occupied territory. This is an area as yet untouched by General Rose's robust approach because there are no Unprofor troops in residence. The 70,000 Muslim and Croat residents of Banja Luka are still being terrorised and driven from their homes by the Serb majority in an "ethnic cleansing" operation that has largely disappeared from other parts of Bosnia.

In other areas of Serb-held Bosnia, such as Pale, south of Sarajevo, the Serbs have indicated they want the fighting to end. General Mladic, however, still seems to have an appetite for war.

Landmine on road to peace claims British soldier in Bosnia



Warburton: praised as a gentle giant

—BY EDWARD GORMAN IN SARAJEVO AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

COMRADES of the sapper killed clearing landmines in Bosnia were yesterday mourning "an outstanding soldier" as friends comforted Julie, mother of his 18-month-old son Liam, at home in Liverpool.

Corporal Barney Warburton, 27, a Class 1 bomb disposal engineer, was killed instantly on Saturday on the confrontation line between Croat and Muslim forces in Vitez as he helped to make the area safe for civilians as tentative peace had broken out. The "gentle giant", from Llanbedr, Gwynedd, served with 33 Engineer Regiment based at Carver Barracks, in Wimbish, a village innorth Essex.

At the barracks yesterday Major Nigel Montagu, said: "He was considered by all who knew him, fellow soldiers and those who commanded him, to be an outstanding soldier in every respect. He was very experienced in bomb disposal. Everybody here is very saddened by news of his death and our sympathies are with his family in Wales."

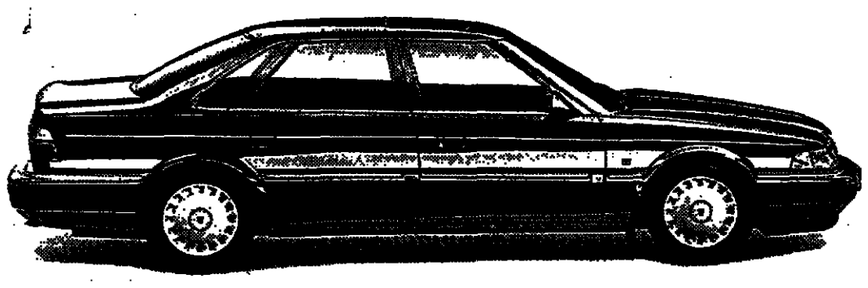
Corporal Warburton was single. He is the second British soldier to die in Bosnia. Lance Corporal Wayne Edwards was killed by a sniper in Gornji Vakuf in January 1993. Another man also died in Vitez on Saturday, a Croat who had stepped on a mine. Their deaths highlight the new phase of the war in Bosnia. With fighting between Croats and Muslims over, mine clearing and the disposal of large number of unexploded shells will become a priority. Ten per cent of everything fired is reckoned not to have exploded.

It is believed Warburton was involved in collecting unexploded mines and other devices on the front lines between Croat and Muslim forces and was carrying some to open ground for detonation when one exploded in his hands. At least four of his colleagues were also taken to the medical centre at the British base in Vitez suffering from shock. The operation in which the men were involved is part of new duties conducted in the effort to maintain the peace in central Bosnia in the wake of the ceasefire deal between Croats and Muslims.

Warburton, who had served with the Royal Engineers for nearly four years, joined the Army's Junior Leaders' Regiment at the age of 16 had been in Bosnia since October last year and was due to return home next month. He is the second British soldier killed since British troops arrived to take part in the Unprofor operation. In the grieving north Wales community of Warburton's birth, Rebecca Roberts, local newsagent, said: "It is so tragic. His death has really come home to everyone. He was a lovely, lovely boy." Warburton has a brother, Beverley, serving with the army in Norway who is flying home to be with his widowed mother Blodwen. Her husband, a former landlord of the Victoria Inn in Llanbedr, died in 1974.

Canon Tony Beacon, the local rector, who said prayers yesterday for the soldier and the family, said: "The family are well known in the village and well loved. Everyone feels for them."

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Optimism revives over Middle East talks after UN resolution condemning Hebron massacre

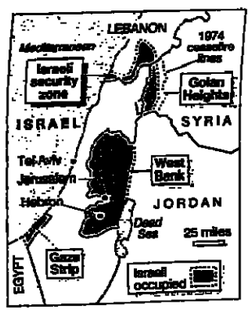
Americans push Israel and PLO to peace table

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO AND BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

AMERICA'S chief Middle East peace co-ordinator is due back in Tunis today to launch a diplomatic offensive designed to persuade the Palestine Liberation Organisation to resume talks with Israel suspended after the Hebron mosque massacre. It will be his second visit in a week.

Dennis Ross, the envoy, will be capitalising on the momentum created by last Friday's United Nations resolution condemning the massacre. With Russian help, he will be attempting to revive the peace process with the PLO, which has been holding out for concessions covering the security of Palestinians living under Israeli military rule.

For the first time since the Hebron killings three weeks ago, the peace process showed distinct signs of life as senior Israeli negotiators headed for a meeting with Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, in Tunis in an attempt to work out a resumption of talks on Palestinian self-rule, claimed to have been less than a month from completion when the Hebron shooting took place.



Mr Arafat is facing the threat of being outflanked by fellow Arabs as Syria, Lebanon and Jordan have agreed to resume talks next month as a result of the UN document which called for an unspecified international presence to protect Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. If the new flurry of diplomatic arm-twisting can overcome Mr Arafat's objections, plans have been made for him to meet Shimon Peres, Israel's Foreign Minister, in Paris later this week as a prelude to restarting detailed negotiations. Although any PLO decision to resume talking is likely to provoke a violent backlash among the two million Palestinians under occupation, few Western observers believe Mr Arafat has any other long-term alternative. "It is not a question of if the PLO returns to the table, but when," one Western official said.

As the Israeli team led by Uri Savir, director-general of the Foreign Ministry, flew into Tunis, wide gaps on the measures to protect the Palestinians remained. While Israel appeared ready to allow some Palestinian policemen to return early to Hebron, a city holy to Jews and Arabs, it insisted they would have to remain under overall Israeli control. Nabil Shaath, the PLO's chief negotiator, scoffed at any such restriction.

Israel insisted that on no account could it agree to "open" the terms of the accord signed with the PLO last September. It appeared to regard permission for a new Red Cross office to open in Hebron as sufficient to satisfy demands for an "international presence" there.

The urgency of the diplomatic drive led by America has been underscored by the continuing daily violence between Arabs and Israelis. Israel has only been able to keep the lid on the West Bank and Gaza by a series of mass curfews.

In Jerusalem, a Jewish settler told the Hebron massacre enquiry he drove the killer, Barukh Goldstein, to the mosque armed with a Galil automatic rifle and at least five ammunition clips. "Everything seemed normal. Goldstein didn't talk."



Ilan Tor, left, a Jewish settler from Kiryat Arba, with his father yesterday outside the Supreme Court in Jerusalem before being called to give evidence at the Israeli enquiry into the Hebron massacre

Pretoria police stand by their accused chiefs

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG AND INIGO GILMORE IN ALEXANDRA

SENIOR police officers yesterday closed ranks around the three police generals linked by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone with supplying guns to the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party.

General Jannie Geldenhuys, a former Commissioner of Police, described the Goldstone Commission's report to President de Klerk as biased and untested. The three men involved are reported to be planning a libel action against the commission.

In Cape Town yesterday Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, gave strong support to Mr de Klerk's decision to appoint a special task force of international police officers to investigate the allegations. Mr Mandela was not injured when his car was later stoned by supporters of Mr de Klerk's National Party as he was driven to an ANC rally.

Inkatha's central committee, meeting in Ulundi, capital of the KwaZulu homeland, described the commission's report as a "dirty tricks" attempt to discredit the party and called on Mr de Klerk to inform the world that there was no evidence that party officials had knowledge of the alleged gun-running.

Inkatha supporters were involved in a shoot-out in Johannesburg's Alexandra township yesterday after a party rally. Trouble started after a 500-strong crowd of hostel dwellers went to a community hall for refreshments. As they marched down a hill towards the hall it appeared some of them were angered by a group standing behind a wall.

An Inkatha supporter began firing an AK47 towards the wall. Police responded with tear gas and sealed off the area. There were no reports of injuries. Warrant Officer Andy Pieke said the situation would be monitored through the night.



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The Temple of Abu Simbel, which was successfully moved piece by piece to higher ground in the 1960s

Egypt to rebuild oasis temple

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

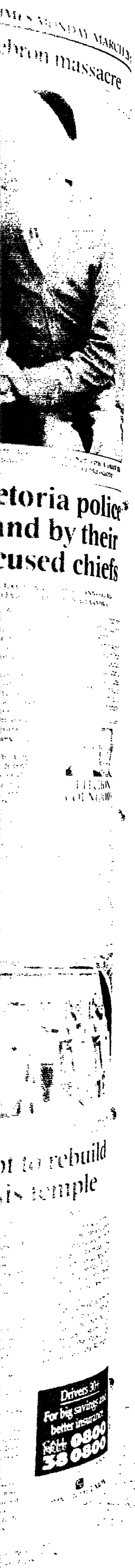
ARCHAEOLOGISTS in Egypt are to undertake the most ambitious rescue project since the operation in the 1960s to save the Nubian temples. After years of indecision, the government has commissioned an Italian company to dismantle the threatened 2,600-year-old temple to the Pharaonic god Amon Ra and rebuild it, probably on a site close by.

The remote temple at Hibis in the western oasis of Kharga, some 320 miles south of Cairo, contains an historic inscription from the year AD 68 about the rights of women. Ali Hassan, head of the Pharaonic section of the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation, said the monument is in grave danger from ground water and urgent action is needed to save it.

The danger of collapse is sadly visible: cracks in walls, beams supporting the walls and, like many other ancient Egyptian treasures, pieces of masonry are falling off. If the experts do decide it has to move after work on the £5 million, 30-month project begins, the temple will be reconstructed piece by piece — like the two temples at Abu Simbel and the Temple of Philae, moved north of the Aswan Dam — with its axis in the same direction.

The threatened temple is unusual in that it includes elements from four periods of Egyptian history — the Pharaonic, the Persian, the Ptolemaic and the Roman.

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Washington presses for sanctions on Pyongyang

■ The North Koreans, in defence of their nuclear secrets, have talked of turning Seoul into a sea of fire. America is considering deploying warships and Patriot missiles

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

AMERICA yesterday signalled the end of its year-long diplomatic effort to thwart North Korea's nuclear ambitions and moved towards an open confrontation with the world's last Stalinist regime.

Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said Washington would this week seek a United Nations Security Council resolution paving the way for widening trade sanctions to force North Korea to open its nuclear facilities to inspection. President Clinton's senior advisers also agreed at a three-hour White House meeting to revive plans for joint military exercises with South Korea and to send Patriot anti-missile batteries to protect Seoul.

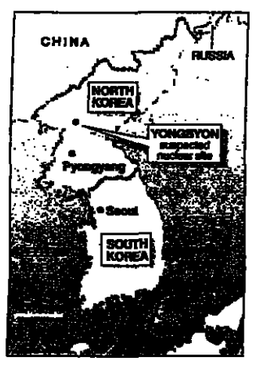
Congressional leaders went further still. Richard Gephardt, the House Democratic leader, said America should send aircraft carriers to the Korean peninsula.

But in Peking last night Chinese leaders, in talks with Morihiro Hosokawa, the Japanese Prime Minister, insisted that the crisis over North Korea's nuclear capacity should be settled through negotiation. Mr Hosokawa expressed "grave concern" over the failure of the recent inspection of North Korean nuclear facilities by officials of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the breakdown of working-level talks between North and South Korea. Mr Hosokawa, who returns to Japan today, will discuss the North Korean issue with President Kim of South Korea, who arrives in Tokyo on Thursday.

Senior Western diplomats in Peking say they believe the Chinese government, which says it is opposed to nuclear proliferation, on the North Korean peninsula, is working behind the scenes to impress on the North Koreans the need for co-operation, possibly including full IAEA inspections. However, there is no independent confirmation of this.

North Korea last week failed to keep its promise to allow the unimpeded inspection of its nuclear facilities and on Saturday abruptly terminated talks with South Korea. Park Young Su, the North Korean delegate, said that "Seoul will turn into a sea of fire". Washington will press for the UN resolution after the IAEA's expected announcement today that it can no longer certify that North Korea is not diverting plutonium from civil nuclear reactors to build nuclear weapons.

☐ **New York:** Mr Christopher said he remained optimistic that China would meet Washington's demands for improvements in human rights. He held out prospects that the United States may move to separate its human rights and trade policies. *(Reuter)*





Socks, the First Family's cat, surveying the Clinton Administration's briefing room for the press from the vantage point of the podium

Clintons to admit tax claim errors

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WHITE House advisers have abandoned hope of swiftly dousing the Whitewater controversy and are instead concentrating on ways to minimise the damage to President Clinton's legislative agenda and to Democratic candidates in the congressional elections in November.

The Clintons are expected to admit within days that they claimed excessive tax deductions on their Whitewater losses in the 1980s. Their advisers believe a voluntary admission now will be far less damaging than if the underpayments were to be disclosed later by Robert Fiske, the Whitewater special prosecutor.

With congressional hearings now seemingly inevitable, the President's advisers are also debating whether to encourage Democratic leaders to get them over with.

Mr Clinton himself is presently reading the book *Executive Privilege: Two Centuries of White House Scandals* in an attempt better to understand what is happening to his presidency.

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Makers of simplified Ulster tragedy wait to gather a harvest of Oscars

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE American Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in Hollywood will decide tonight whether *In The Name of the Father* deserves to win any of the seven Oscars for which it has been nominated.

This film, loosely based on Gerard Conlon's book about the Guildford Four, has already generated furious debate on both sides of the Atlantic between those who argue it is an inspired film with excellent performances by Daniel Day-Lewis and Emma Thompson (they are right) and those who claim it is a distortion of the facts (they are right, too). Others insist that the film is about the situation in Northern Ireland and thus a valid historical document, whatever the distortions. They are dangerously wrong.

Like most treatments of the Northern Ireland question intended primarily for American audiences, *In The Name of The Father* is superficial. The British are portrayed simply as an occupying colonial force, the Belfast riots as the spontaneous reactions of an exploited people. There is no attempt to explore or explain the situation: the motives of both the IRA and the British, like the roots of the ancient conflict, are never addressed. This is a film about a specific case, but in its failure to explore even summarily the political circumstances it is of a piece with the way the "Irish Question" is packaged, presented and misrepresented here.

No American watching this film will be better informed about the political situation in Northern Ireland. Most Americans, including the 40 million or so who claim Irish ancestry, view Northern Ireland with a combination of nostalgia, boredom and ignorance.

The recent visit to New York by Gerry Adams was hailed here as a victory for free speech and a breakthrough in the peace process, yet before his arrival few had ever heard of Sinn Fein. Some newspapers pointed out that Mr Adams represented a small minority in Northern Ireland, but most did not bother. A few wishful thinkers reported he had renounced violence to earn his visa.

Events in the Israeli occupied territories and South Africa are treated to deeper analysis than the activities of the IRA, or the intricacies of the Northern Irish peace process. The recent mortar attacks on Heathrow were reported only briefly, usually in terms of their possible effect on international travel.



Gerard Conlon: his book fuelled heated debate

Last week saw the St. Patrick's Day celebrations, when Irish-Americans took to the streets and bars sporting green hats and shamrocks to proclaim their national origins. St Patrick's Day, complete with plastic leprechauns and green beer, has become an ecumenical national celebration and marketing device, of little more political import than Halloween or Valentine's Day. For many Irish-Americans, Ireland is a distant, soulful place, to bring a tear to the eye and a glass to the lips, but provoking little moral reflection or political debate.

If the prophets are correct, by the end of tonight's ceremony *In The Name of The Father* will have artistic recognition. But at the same time the complexities of Northern Ireland will have been boiled down once again for easy digestion by American audiences and a simple version of history will have prevailed, in the name of Oscar.

Salvador rivals scent poll victory

FROM REUTER IN SAN SALVADOR

SALVADOREANS voted yesterday in historic elections with left-wing former rebels and the ruling right-wing party both predicting victory in their first electoral battle after 12 years of civil war.

Long lines formed outside polling stations in the capital and there were no reports of violence, although early voting was marred by irregularities. Some polls were not opened an hour after voting was due to begin, and at other centres dozens with voter cards could not cast their ballots because their names did not show up on the electoral register.

United Nations officials, aware that any fraud could derail El Salvador's peace process, deployed 900 observers to monitor the voting and another 2,000 foreign observers were on hand.

An estimated 2.4 million people were eligible to vote for President and Vice-President, the 84-seat Legislative Assembly and 262 mayors across the country. Polls were due to close at 5 pm. Most voters said the elections were a huge improvement on wartime polls marred by fraud, rebel boycotts and combat.

In the working-class neighbourhood of Soyapango, which four years ago was battered by the biggest guerrilla offensive of a war that killed 75,000, voters recalled the days when troops herded people to the polls.

The ruling Nationalist Republican Alliance (Arena) leads in the opinion polls, but its presidential candidate, Armando Calderón Sol, may fall short of winning the 50 per cent needed for victory in the first round. There are seven presidential hopefuls but Señor Calderón's main threat is Rubén Zamora, whose left-wing coalition is dominated by the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN). Taking part in its first elections just 15 months after disarming, the FMLN hopes to win at least 20 seats in the assembly and seize control of dozens of town halls. The campaign has been dominated by mutual accusations between Arena and the FMLN over past violence.

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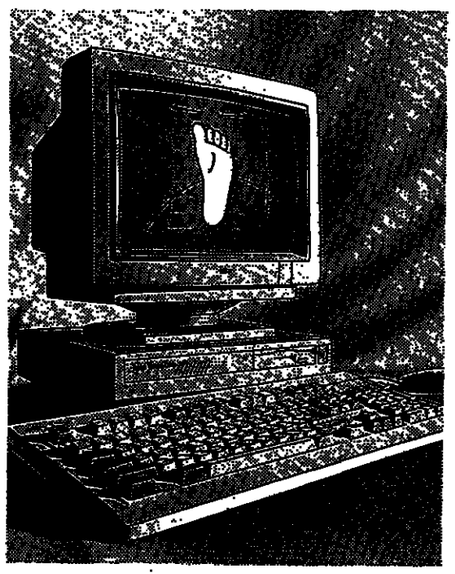
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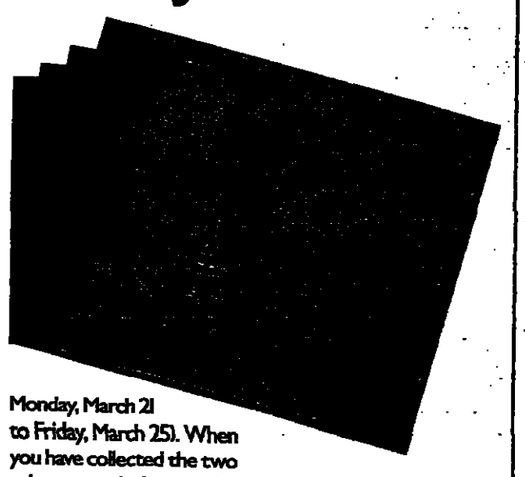
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Who's got the itch for '96?

The old warhorses of American politics are preparing to challenge Clinton

HOW odd that so many well-known Republicans should be emerging from hibernation just as Whitewater is clouding President Clinton's re-election prospects.

There is James Baker, the former Secretary of State, who has been quietly earning huge sums as a Houston lawyer, international consultant and autobiographer. It seems the master manipulator, having steered Ronald Reagan and George Bush into the Oval Office, may now be eyeing that prize himself.


James Baker

Dan Quayle, who has been honing his intellect at a conservative think-tank in Indianapolis, is shortly to abandon the low profile he has studiously maintained since leaving Washington. Friends say he has definitely "got the itch" for '96.

Dick Cheney is no longer bothering to conceal his ambitions. From a sinecure at Washington's American Enterprise Institute the former Defence Secretary has visited 35 states in recent months and has just formed a political action committee to raise funds — an essential first step for any presidential hopeful.


Dick Cheney

All three have glaring weaknesses. Mr Baker has no discernible constituency within his party. Mr Quayle is not taken seriously outside conservative circles, and the eminently dependable Mr Cheney is everyone's perfect second choice.


Pete Wilson

However, they all have instant name recognition and can raise big money. California's decision to advance its primary to March 26 will effectively compress the entire nomination process into two short frantic months, with no time for unknowns to establish themselves.

The other beneficiary of California's new clout would obviously be Pete Wilson, the state's Governor, provided he wins re-election this November. He denies any interest, but can scarcely do otherwise while fighting a gubernatorial campaign.

The Iowa caucus and New Hampshire primary may still be 22 months away, but the shape of the Republican field is already becoming clear. Robert Dole last year visited 39 states, including nine trips to Iowa and New Hampshire. The Senate Republican leader is 70, but evidently believes he can snatch the torch.

Another obvious contender is Jack Kemp, the former Housing Secretary and American football star. Phil Gramm, a Texas senator, will also run. Only he takes himself very seriously, but he has already amassed a $7 million (£4.6 million) war chest and has spent so much time in New Hampshire that he has been dubbed the state's third senator.

Some state governors — South Carolina's Carroll Campbell, Massachusetts' William Weld, Wisconsin's Tommy Thompson — are thinking of running, as are former Education Secretary Lamar Alexander and former Labour Secretary Lynn Martin. However, they would be long shots.

Pat Buchanan had such fun in 1992 that he will probably try again, but he could be eclipsed by Rush Limbaugh, another conservative pundit even more extreme and outspoken than himself. Mr Limbaugh would be a formidable force if he decided to run.

Of course, ambitious Democrats are also waiting to see whether Whitewater leaves Mr Clinton gravely damaged. There is not the slightest hint yet of any intra-party challenge to the President, but it is worth noting that all the last three Democratic Presidents faced disastrous primary fights.

Where a Democratic challenge to Mr Clinton would come from is anybody's guess. Perhaps the union movement would push Richard Gephardt, the House leader. New York is also expected to move its primary forward, and Governor Mario Cuomo surely has not forgotten how Mr Clinton, in a taped conversation with Gennifer Flowers, once called him an "aggressive, mean son of a bitch".

MARTIN FLETCHER



Jungle that time forgot

Redmond O'Hanlon recalls his journey through Borneo's forests where the Army team is lost



Explorers: Redmond O'Hanlon (left) and James Fenton at their base camp

In 1851 Hugh Low, then Colonial Treasurer of Labuan, became the first European to climb Kinabalu, at 13,525 feet the highest mountain between the Himalayas and Mount Wilhelmena in New Guinea. Seven years later, as his friend Spenser St John, then consul in Brunei, writes in his *Life in the Forests of the Far East* (1862): "Mr Low and I determined to make another attempt; and early in April I went over from Brunei to Labuan to join him. We waited till the 15th for a vessel, which we expected would bring us a supply of shoes; but as it did not arrive we started. This was the cause of most of our mishaps."

Before they had even reached the foothills of Kinabalu their boots had raised such blisters that both men decided to walk barefoot — up water-courses and hill-paths. St John eventually left Low, whose feet were suppurating, in a bamboo hut, and he set off up the mountain with his bearers and with local guides. On the third day he reached the spot where in 1851 Low had left a drained bottle of Madeira with a note inside, and he looked into Low's Gully: "A deep chasm, surrounded on three sides by precipices, so deep that the eye would not reach the bottom; but the twitter of innumerable swallows could be distinctly heard, as they flew in flocks below. There was no descending here."

In July the two men tried again: St John climbed the peak now named after him, failing to reach the summit by a mere 40 feet; and Low collected several new species of pitcher plant — plants which supplement their diet by trapping, drowning and digesting insects in specially modified pot-shaped leaves. He was the first botanist to see the giant *Nepenthes rajah*, in one of whose pitchers he found a waterlogged rat — which should have been more than enough reward for the hardships he suffered.

Likewise the missing soldiers, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Neill and his four Army colleagues, were obviously right to want to descend Low's Gully. For them too the possible rewards must have far outstripped the risk. Even as they abseiled down the flaky, ice-eroded granite of the precipice, they might have seen a passing peregrine falcon or maybe, as they lowered themselves into the moss forest canopy, a party of Whitehead's spiderhunters — sunbirds — among the epiphytic orchids.

Assuming that the soldiers successfully negotiated the granite wall, that the parachute cord held on the sharply weathered high rock, the moss forest would itself present problems. The low, gnarled trees are heavy with curtains of moss, the rocky ground, the gaps between boulders, the tops of chasms are all covered with deep carpets of dark green moss that look as if they will hold a man's weight, but don't. Here the soldiers' virtuoso abseiling has already put them at a serious disadvantage. For the secret of almost every successful expedition, now as in the 19th century, is to take a guide with you. You can pretend that you're mapping undiscovered territory, but he knows he's on a stroll down his local high street. This is a good arrangement. But no sensible hunter-gatherer wants to start his day by jumping backwards off a cliff.

> Watch out for the sun bear and deadly king cobra

Still assuming that they made their way safely down through the moss forest without breaking a leg or disappearing into a rock fissure, we can imagine them camping for the night in lower montane forest. As soldiers, they will have equipment of the same standard as that which I borrowed from the SAS in 1983 and 1985 — maybe it is even better now. They'll check the surrounding trees for termite runs and the jungle floor for silt (flash floods along mountain torrents can carry you away), sling their hammocks from a couple of trunks, peg out their box mosquito nets and top-cover tarpaulins from nearby saplings, and climb inside. The resulting *basha* I found luxuriously comfortable. Everything fits, ties together, overlaps, holds fast. You have to sleep straight out like a rifle but the ants, mosquitoes and leeches can't get in.

From this stage on until the army ration packs run out, the dangers are more picturesque, pleasing to the imagination, unlikely. The long-clawed, short-tempered sun bear has been known to attack people who come upon it unexpectedly; reticulated pythons can slide into huts at night and swallow sleepers head first; and there is the king cobra, the largest venomous snake in the world. But once the rations run out it can be surprisingly difficult without a local guide to blowpipe the odd mouse-deer for you, and without his access to the accumulated knowledge of perhaps 40,000 years of forest living.

Fishing in fast-flowing rivers is not easy, and most leaves contain protective poisons against parasites: fruiting trees of each species are well spread out (again a defence against parasites), so that you need to fly over the canopy like a hornbill, or brachiate through it like a gibbon to be sure of finding enough to eat.

But as the major in charge of the SAS training wing at Hereford said to me: "Once in the jungle proper you'll never want to come out." This is not as whimsical as it sounds: a few years ago I had a visit from a former captain in the Sarawak Rangers who, during the Malayan Emergency, so enjoyed life with his patrol in the forest that he failed to turn up for any of the furloughs to which he was entitled and was eventually captured at gunpoint, not by the enemy but by an army rescue team.

So it would be good to think that Lieutenant-Colonel Neill and his party have just seen their first tarsier (a 4oz primate with big ears and eyes like an owl which can rotate its head through almost 360 degrees) or flying lemur or slow loris or moon rat, and decided not to return to Hong Kong. But I doubt it.

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They are unworldly and eccentric — and they must be preserved

In defence of endangered dons

I am hoping that, once the sniffling has died down after the film of *Shadowlands*, it will inspire support for my new organisation Card: the Campaign for Real Dons. The opening scenes of the film serve to remind us what we have lost. Of course, you cannot reproduce true donnishness with merely the odd photogenically frayed collar-point and Rada riposte; but nonetheless a pang went through me, seeing them all bitching gently at one another in the candlelight.

If we are allowed to be sentimental about miners, old salts and farmhands, why not about that other national archetype: the true, the egg-stained, the invincibly innocent and almost extinct vintage don?

The real C.S. Lewis, of course, was a flawed specimen. He placed himself outside the charmed circle by writing books which sold, and by falling in love. The genuine article either remains frayedly single, humming the buttery for his meals, or else acquires a wife as dishevelled, scatty, learned and kindly as himself, who reigns in a vast gloomy north Oxford kitchen. Their relationship is tranquil rather than passionate: they share their reading-glasses and giggle about the warden's dire sexual proclivities.

Lewis also put himself outside the pale by describing the system. "The real Oxford", he wrote in a letter, "is a close corporation of jolly, untidy, lazy, good-for-nothing, humorous old men, who have been electing their own successors ever since the world began and who intend to go on with it. They'll squeeze under the revolution or leap over it when the time comes, don't you worry."

Alas, he was not quite right. The revolution came insidiously, luring some of the jollier old men into television studios and the "Why-oh-why" columns of the newspapers, and bringing on the lamentable, laptop efficiency of media stardom. Others fell to the creeping idea that universities ought to be *for* something, and started prating about quotas.


LIBBY PURVES

Now there are only a few left. We must look back in order to catch the flavour: perhaps all the way to Dr Kettell of Trinity in Aubrey's *Brief Lives*, who hated long hair and believed periwigs to be the scalps of hanged men. "Hee would bring a pair of cizers in his muffe, and woe be to them that sate on the outside of the table. I remember he cutt Mr Radfords haire with the knife that chipps the bread on the buttery hatch." Or perhaps to the don in 1894 who was puzzled when a kindly undergraduate pumped up both his bicycle tyres. "Oh, thank you — but are they not connected?" Perhaps to the legendary Dr Spooner, who told his pupils to "beware of the lure of men and women". One of them, the future warden of All Souls, John Sparrow, observed: "I have never been sure what exactly was the warning it was intended to convey, I have always done my best to follow the general line it seemed to indicate." Or John Keble, who plunged Oriel into chaos by adding the date to the college's debts.

Bigoted, out-of-touch, incompetent — why do I mourn them? Because the quality of donnishness has almost vanished. The best specimens had a freshness, a humility, an innocence which only comes from deep learning worn lightly. Lord David Cecil had trouble even switching on an electric fire without winding the cable round his foot and falling over, but spoke like an angel and would never snub even the most horrid undergraduate with anything stronger than "that is *interesting*, do please give me time to *think* about it". One, an expert on Russian literature, picked up my trashy detective-novel and said: "I do look *forward* to reading some of these new criminal books." No irony, no malice: just genuine shining willingness to believe everyone else as sincere and unmercenary as he.

I mourn the scurf, the leather patches, the phrase-making. The way Hugo Dyson, very old by then, used to lie back in his chair while you read your essay, and then open his eyes and say "I found that ... strangely moving. Have you ever considered a circus career?"

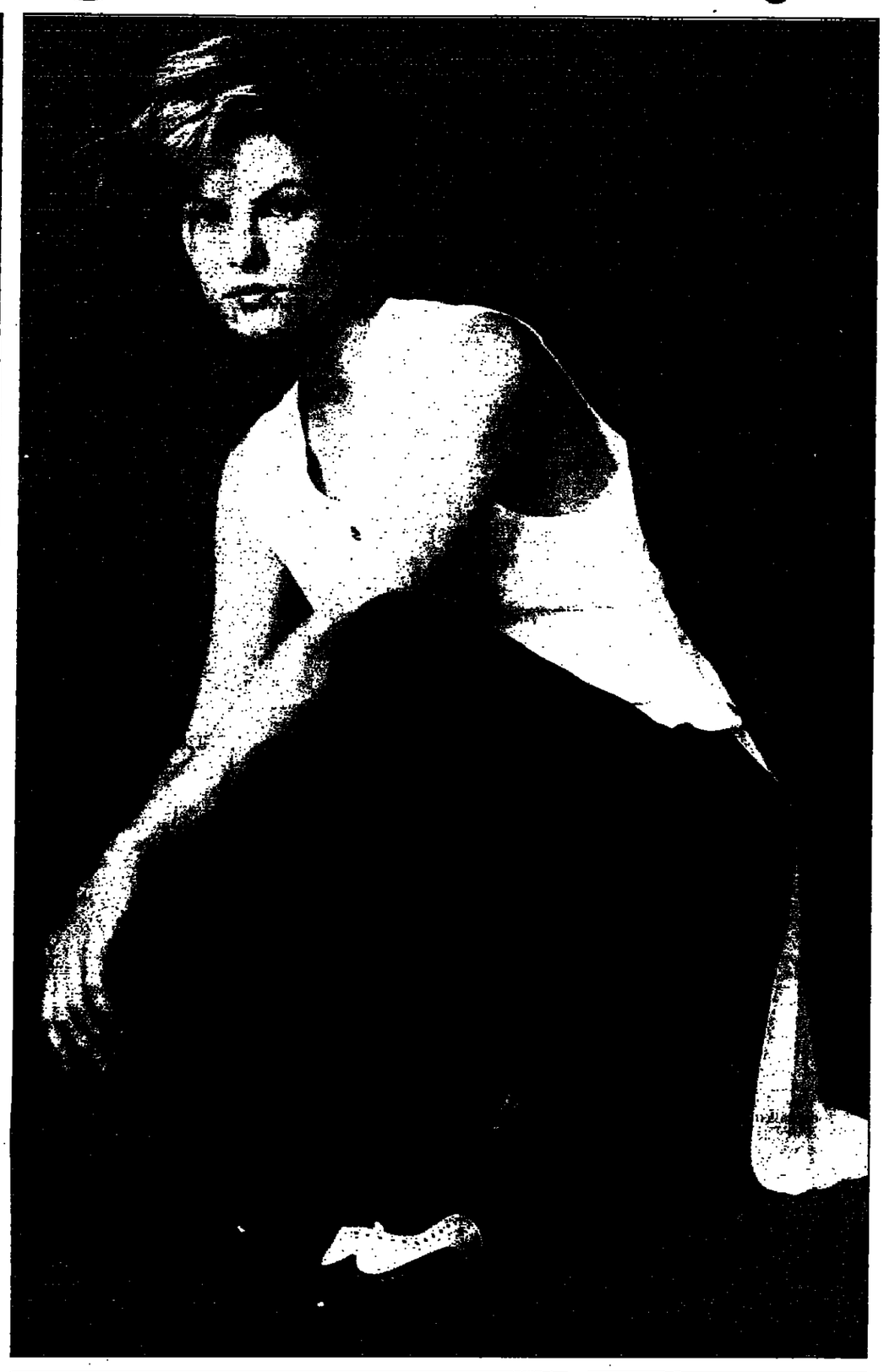
He loved to make 18th-century passes: once, brushing my knee in the pub, he bowed shakily on his stick and said: "Beg pardon, Madam. I intended no intimacy." With the only decent bit of repartee I ever managed, I replied: "Sir, you achieved none!"

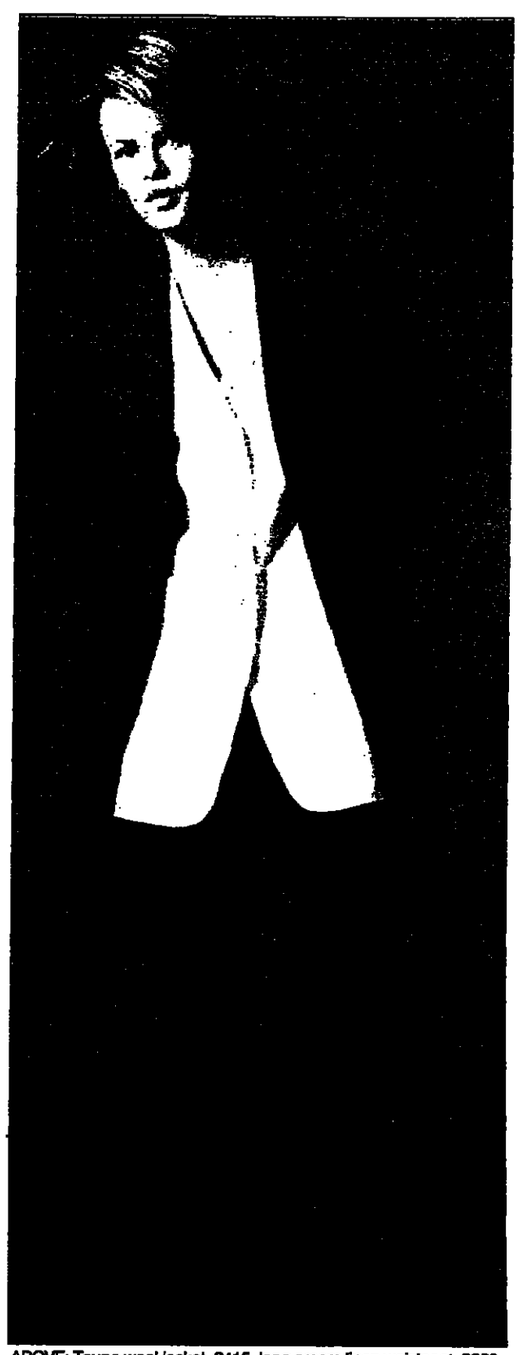
You are possibly disgusted at this nostalgia. Just wait until I get started on Carp, the Campaign for Real Publishers. There are not nearly enough publishers still prepared to wear ill-fitting tweed jackets, live in an office full of unanswered letters from T.S. Eliot, offer sherry, and wait ten years for the first draft. They're next.

Shy or showy, pert or ankle skimming, the waistcoat in all its manifestations is the key to spring's favourite look

Long, lean and layered







ABOVE: White cropped cotton shirt, £115, brown pinstriped wool waistcoat, £205, white cotton trousers, £130, Dries Van Noten, 23-27 South Molton St, W1.

ABOVE: Taupe wool jacket, £415, long cream linen waistcoat, £260, taupe wool trousers, £160, Paul Smith Women, Browns, 23-27 South Molton St, W1; Liberty, Regent St, W1; Strand, 27 Queen Victoria St, Leeds; Mango, 19 St Leonard's Rd, Windsor. Brown suede ankle boots, £44.99, Oasis, branches nationwide (enquiries 071-377 5335).
LEFT: White cotton waistcoat with pleated back flap, £130, John Richmond, 62 Neal St, WC2; 4 Cavern Walks, Matthew St, Liverpool; Geese, 11 Police St, Manchester. Charcoal pinstriped cool wool trousers, £75, French Connection, 140 King's Rd, SW3; branches nationwide. Black ankle socks, £1.99, Sock Shop, branches nationwide. Black and white leather lace-ups, £69, Sam Walker, 41 Neal St, WC2 (enquiries 071-240 7800).

With the accent for summer dressing on layering, the trick is to look as if you're wearing layers, without being burdened by bulk. One option favoured by designers is the waistcoat, which adds style without substance.

In its original form (a "vest" which fell to the thigh), the waistcoat came from Persia. Imported by Charles II, who was convinced that the plague and great fire of London were signs of divine displeasure with the extravagant behaviour of his court and country, the garment was intended to provide uniformity and sobriety among his subjects. However, by the 19th century, dandies such as Oscar Wilde had adopted the waistcoat and delighted in wearing the flashiest styles they could muster: "I find an ever-growing difficulty in expressing my originality through my choice of waistcoats," Wilde complained.

The international designers have no such problem. For spring/summer the waistcoat appeared on catwalks around the globe in myriad manifestations. There is no firm rule concerning which style should be worn, only that the wearing of one is almost unavoidable.



Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

What is great about the 1994 female version is that it is no longer a seam-for-seam, stitch-for-stitch replica of its male counterpart. Even when worn with a trouser suit, a waistcoat for a woman is cut longer and afforded a feminine shapeliness. One option is no more than a soft vest spliced up the middle and barely buttoned back together, flashing the flesh. This look was favourite with the designer Richard Tyler at Anne Klein, and with Giorgio Armani, who beaded his with tiny seed pearls.

Fashion's extremes are reflected in the waistcoat's form. Rifat Ozbek chose to cover all options with some the size of a tiny bolero shown alongside ankle-skimming versions, far removed from the original. Ralph Lauren cut his with a Nehru collar, while Christian Lacroix favoured a sweetheart neckline.

Waistcoats can provide a focus for an otherwise understated outfit. They also allow the possibility of crazy fabric combinations without fear of looking absurd. Pick a black lacy look to wear over a simple white shirt. Mix a touch of beadwork with a monochromatic daytime suit. Waistcoats can blend or be unmissable. They can also work from day into evening.

Some of the most elegant waistcoats were designed by women for women to wear. Martine Sitbon added a hint of jet beading down the front of her pared-down Regency-style waistcoats. Sonia Rykiel's looked more like sleeveless tuxedo jackets, cut in black velvet with shiny satin lapels.

Long and lean, pert and petite, gently understated or brazenly showy, the waistcoat has now become a garment which defies definition. What it is not, however, is either uniform or sober.

Photographs by MARTYN THOMPSON
Stylist: Philippa Esling
Hair: Howard Barr at Streeters
Make-up: Ian Jeffries
Model: Emma Balfour

Ian Harris
The BBC Antiques Roadshow jewellery and silver expert buys, sells and advises at N Bloom and Son, The Bond Street Antiques Centre 124 New Bond Street, London W1Y 9AE. 071-629 5060 Catalogue available.



ABOVE: White net shirt, £150, Red or Dead, Thomas Neal Centre, London WC2; branches nationwide (enquiries/mail order: 081-906 3602). Black fitted waistcoat, £68, black wraparound skirt, £57, Jigsaw, 65 Kensington High St, W8 (enquiries 081-878 8443).

THE BEST WAISTCOATS

1. White distressed muslin backless waistcoat, £215. Nigel Atkinson, Whistles, branches nationwide (071-935 7309).
2. Navy melange cropped waistcoat with collar, £59.95, Jigsaw, 65 Kensington High St (081-878 8443).
3. Ecru linen waistcoat with stitch detail and large buttons, £70, French Connection, 140 King's Road, SW3; branches nationwide.
4. Dark navy cropped waistcoat with collar, £85, John Rocha, Whistles, St Christopher's Place, W1; Flannels, 4 St Anne's Place, Manchester; Strand, 27 Queen Victoria St, Leeds.
5. White linen frogged waistcoat, £49, Kookai, 123D Kensington High St, W8; selected branches nationwide.
6. Classic grey wool waistcoat, £38 approx, Benetton, branches nationwide.
7. Black/cream striped waistcoat with collar and cutaway arm holes, £155, Joseph, 16 Sloane St, SW1; 77 Fulham Rd, SW3; 28 Brook St, W1.
8. Stone linen mix fitted waistcoat with white embroidery, £39.99, Next Directory, branches nationwide (0345 100500).
9. Medium lace waistcoat, £40, Principles, branches nationwide (071-927 1443).
10. Cream fitted crochet waistcoat, £36.99, Hennes, 261-271 Regent St, W1; selected branches nationwide (071-493 4004).
11. Cream raffia waistcoat, £160, Georgina Von Etzdorf, 149A Sloane St, SW1; Picketts, 41 Burlington Arcade, W1.
12. Indigo knitted docker waistcoat, £180, Artwork, George Trowark, Thomas Neal Centre, WC2 (071-403 6332).
13. Black rib waistcoat, £15, Marks & Spencer, branches nationwide.
14. Lace-up satin waistcoat, £19.99, Miss Selfridge, branches nationwide.
15. Linen check waistcoat, £135 (from a selection), Thomas Gilby, The Waistcoat Gallery, 2 New Burlington Place, W1; 18 Old Bond Street, W1 (071-734 4877).
16. Natural linen tie-back waistcoat, £34.99, Warehouse, branches nationwide.
17. Cream pinstriped linen mix halter neck waistcoat with tie front, £29.99, Oasis, branches nationwide (071-377 5335).
18. Cotton knit blue and white striped waistcoat with blanket stitch edging, £19.99, Dorothy Perkins, selected branches nationwide (071-291 2604).
19. Cotton mix skimlight sporty waistcoat, £14.99, Jeffrey Rogers, Whiteleys of Bayswater, Queensway, W2 (071-631 4142).
20. Navy/chocolate linen mix cropped waistcoat, £16.99, Topshop (071-291 2351).

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Matthew Parris



■ Plausible people are so good at talking their way out of trouble, we forget they shouldn't be in it in the first place

With tongue only partly in cheek I once suggested that our Foreign Secretary has an unusual problem: the Almighty has furnished him with so matchless a gift for making a convincing fist of a rotten case that Mr Hurd has never needed to bother distinguishing good arguments from bad. A *cordon bleu* chef who can turn a mess of offal into a mouth-watering casserole is not forced to rise early and seek the best cuts at Smithfield.

From his earliest days, I suspect, the young Douglas found that h[illegible]inning combination of obvio[illegible] decency and suede-tongued plausibility enabled him to argue his way out of anything. He was even able to convince himself. He therefore never developed — what the rest of us have had to develop — that anxious nose for trouble brewing; that instinct to sniff the wind, weigh the arguments early, and head off trouble before it starts. In his civilised, amiable but curiously lazy way, he drifts straight into it. Then he dances right out of it. Bravo! *Quelle finesse!* Applauding, we forget that he did not have to start from there in the first place.

> 'I suspect that a good writer goes instinctively for a bad argument, because it is a challenge to his skill'

Few, for example, have remarked that the Foreign Secretary should not have let Bill Cash and Company hijack the argument over European Union enlargement with their outrageous suggestion that you can expand a club without expanding the blocking minority. That would be anything but "status quo"!

But the time to point this out was months ago. "Status quo" has a mystical power for the dimmer sort of Tory MP. It is a totem. Mr Hurd rose late, the sun was already high, and Bill Cash and his dawn-raiders had captured the status quo for their own. Skate your way out of this one, Douglas!

He probably will, with the help of Labour votes, leaving the Government's authority more ragged yet, but with his own reputation for getting out of holes intact.

In this case the Foreign Secretary does end up, however tardily, pursuing the argument which is historically inevitable and (I think) in equity right. This is his "wake up in the nick of time" mode. But Mr Hurd has a more dangerous mode. This is when he starts the day with an argument which is wrong. He pursues it in so accomplished a way that nobody — least of all himself — notices the mistake.

A capable individual can confuse history by harnessing himself behind a flawed proposition and towing it further than it deserves to go. In Douglas Hurd's case, Noel Malcolm in *The Spectator* has recently furnished a dismaying list, ending with Mr Hurd's opposition to British entanglement in the Balkans. My own firm belief that Britain has no business in the Balkans was badly shaken by the fact that Mr Hurd appeared to think so too. Happily, he is now switching sides to the "let's do *something*" brigade, so I can rest easy again.

Indeed, it is Mr Malcolm who should feel worried. Noel Malcolm is a brilliant essayist. Brilliant essayists, like plausible Foreign Secretaries, and for exactly the same reason, are dangerous beasts. Their skill with words can mask the underlying weaknesses of their arguments.

A Bernard Levin, a Simon Jenkins, an Andrew Marr or a Noel Malcolm can be completely wrong, but we finish their columns convinced of their cases. Moral and intellectual bravado in essayists is bolstered by the knowledge that we shall hardly be blamed if our advice proves wrong. Few ever remember what a columnist argued. People always do remember whether we argued well. Hugo Young recently talked the Labour Party into a high-profile campaign of targeting Eastleigh, of all things!

One has too much respect for Mr Young's disinterestedness to believe he was setting them up. But when Labour ploughs into third place, again, at the by-election, after all its big guns have been assembled to boost its standing, and the press has been assiduously briefed by Walworth Road spin-doctors to write that this test should be seen as Labour's big bid to be taken seriously outside its heartlands, nobody will blame Hugo Young. We shall only notice, as we always do, how very well he writes.

I sometimes suspect that a good writer goes instinctively for a bad argument, because it is a challenge to his skill. Like a crack sportsman in search of a realistic handicap, he unconsciously chooses an awkward pitch in a bad light in order to test himself and display his powers. Besides, the good arguments, being in many cases easy to rehearse, have been snapped up early by taxi drivers and tabloid columnists. Your ace broadsheet columnist rises at ten, selects a real hunchback of a proposition, and teaches it to dance. For much of the time I think that a good writer is arguing with himself. He puts the obvious case silently, to himself, then summons all his skill to refute it.

It is a sort of verbal and intellectual solitaire played before an audience of readers, and rather well paid.

A view across racial barriers gives ground for optimism, though also fears for the young

Hope in the black view of Britain

William Rees-Mogg

One of the best newspapers in Britain of the 1990s is *The Voice*: it claims to be "Britain's Best Black Newspaper", has a weekly circulation of over 50,000 and a black readership of about 200,000. The journalism is highly professional. Twenty years ago there was a shortage of experienced black journalists in Britain; the consistent quality of *The Voice* demonstrates that there is now no shortage of experience or talent.

In the national newspaper market, one would place *The Voice* as a mid-market tabloid. The newspaper it most resembles is the *Daily Mirror* of Hugh Cudlipp's period, the 1950s and 1960s. It has the same combination of punchy sensationalism with a sense of social purpose. Those who are interested in the future of British society ought to read it, whatever ethnic group they belong to. *The Voice* gives a picture of the life of the black community from a black point of view. It does not have the sometimes embarrassing tone of white teachers of "racial awareness". It puts truth, sometimes very painful truth, ahead of political correctness, and portrays the black community warts and all.

The first impression it leaves is inevitably one of pain. Blacks are disadvantaged in British society; racial prejudice in jobs, in housing, in every aspect of social life, is the day-to-day reality for most British black people. If *The Voice* were not reporting that, it would not be telling the truth. Sometimes liberal white efforts to help reduce discrimination can irritate the black audience. In the current issue, a leading article comments brusquely, "black people do not need to be reminded that they have less chance of getting a job, accommodation, or even justice than their fairer skinned neighbour".

One of the themes which runs through the coverage is the effect that racial discrimination has on the self-esteem of children. Not all the stories relate to white discrimination against blacks, but the psychological damage done by low self-confidence in children is a recurrent element. *The Voice* carries an excellent interview by Marcia Dixon with Glynne Gordon-Carter, the secretary of the Committee for Black Anglican Concerns, one of an extremely capable group of black headmistresses from the Caribbean. One should never underrate the influence of women or teachers in black society. She says that "there is very much a situation in this country where our black youngsters need a lot of help because many of them are lacking in confidence. It's a delight to see a youngster who's born here, brought up in the system, who is able to rise up out of the system despite what they've been faced with."

A similar point is made in a letter to the editor from West Croydon: "As a teacher of African-Caribbean descent and many years' experience, I can say that African and Caribbean pupils, given the chance and equipment, excel in their home environments. Many of us can testify to the sound basic education of many of these pupils when they first arrive in our classes. But, sadly, they soon become part of that malaise of underachievement that afflicts descendants from both of these communities." The malaise of underachievement damages blacks, though it is not confined to them.

When one reads the actual news stories, they describe a situation in the schools which is very disturbing. There is now a young 16-year-old serving a six-month sentence for unlawful wounding in the miserable Feltham Young Offenders' Detention Centre. When he was 15, he took a knife to school to defend himself against bullying. He had been threatened, punched, kicked in the stomach and head-butted, his books torn, his money stolen. He was again attacked by three boys, who were themselves presumably black, and he stabbed one of them.

That was not a racial case, simply a case of bullying of a kind which could have happened to a white child among white children, and often does. The other story is of racial conflict between Asian and black pupils at Quintin Kynaston School in St John's Wood, a wealthy inner suburb of London. Bangladeshis and blacks form about a fifth each of the school's 870 pupils. According to Ainsley Okoro's report: "The latest violence was sparked by a fight in school between a 13-year-old Bangladeshi and a 14-year-old Eritrean boy last month which became a free-for-all. It continued in surrounding streets and was broken up by police. The school believes some pupils then asked an outside gang to intervene and wreak revenge. The next day about a dozen mainly black youths armed with baseball bats and machetes came here clearly to cause trouble. Police dispersed the gang but tension remained high."

Of course one should read this with inevitable white fears fully in one's mind. The citizens of the streets of St John's Wood must have been terrified as carloads of armed black youths arrived. A black 15-year-old who takes a large kitchen knife to school and stabs a fellow pupil must expect a custodial sentence, even if he has been bullied. But these conditions are also experienced by law-abiding young blacks who want nothing more than to pass their GCSE exams, and find that they have to do so in a threatening and dangerous environment, for which the outside world will often blame them.

There is also a danger from drugs. Last week *The Voice* ran its front-page story, "Crack Wars Rage Across London" — a strong tabloid lead if ever I read one. "Following the shooting of two London policemen a well-known south London villain has revealed to *The Voice* a remarkable story of drugs, guns and professional hitmen," writes David McCalla. "The informer says drug barons in the south London boroughs of Battersea and Deptford are hiring white professional hitmen to kill prominent Yardie gangsters in a bid to stop the systematic dividing of London's prime drug dealing sites. He stated: 'These guys are ruthless. The Brixton dealers swallowed a complete take-over by the Yardies, but crews like Battersea are fighting back. The Battersea boys are bringing in white hired guns to avoid their identities being uncovered.'"

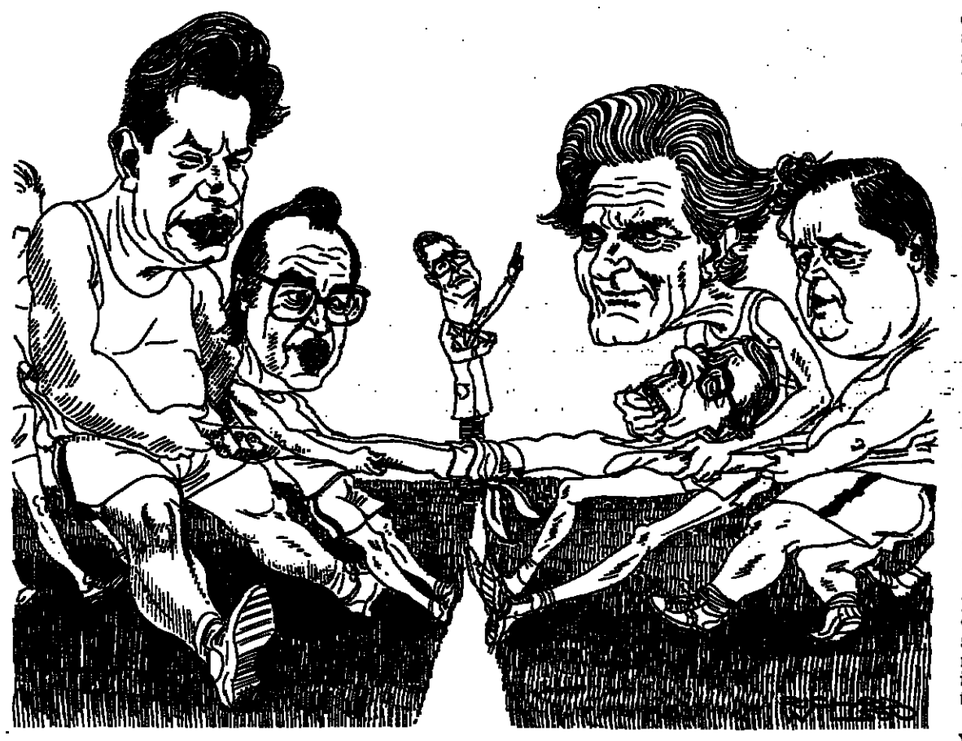
For such a lively tabloid, *The Voice* is exceptional in the space it gives to social improvement and in its commitment to religion. It reports the crimes which are committed in the black community; if the crime story is strong enough, it will even find a black angle in a white crime. Alex Palmer is a black property owner who owns a rented house in Cromwell Street, Gloucester, and that justifies a full page on "the house of horror". It gives space to sport and black music. But it is centrally concerned with the morale of the black community.

Despite everything, that morale seems to be high, perhaps in some ways higher than the morale of the British white community. The black community has its role models, including these strong older women, as well as sports figures or entertainers. The community is interested in the experience of fellow blacks in the United States, the Caribbean and Africa — so it has a world view. It is full of laughter, only some of it at the expense of the dominant whites. It has varied religious faiths. It has a strong belief in education as "the key to life chances and expectations". It has a capacity for tough-minded self-criticism. Reading *The Voice* gives a realistic but also an optimistic view of the future of black people in Britain.

Managers versus meddlers

The Cabinet is temperamentally divided, says

Peter Riddell



"There are only two of us real Tories left round the Cabinet table, Douglas and me," one senior minister remarked the other day. He was exaggerating: Peter Brooke and Patrick Mayhew can be counted as real Tories as well as Douglas Hurd. But if by Tory is meant a believer in competent administration rather than what Mr Hurd has memorably described as "a permanent cultural revolution", then the Tories are in a minority. The "revolutionaries" are in a majority: seeking to challenge vested interests and roll back the state.

All governments face similar debates. When the Thatcher government ran into trouble in 1985-86, the groups were then dubbed consolidators and radicals. This does not quite capture the present divisions. They are only partly associated with ideology: there are too few real Thatcherites in the Cabinet for that. They are partly about departmental interests: new heads of big ministries keen to appear busy. They are perhaps more about temperament. The natural doers and achievers, Kenneth Clarke, Michael Heseltine and David Hunt, line up with Thatcherites such as Michael Portillo, Michael Howard, Peter Lilley and John Redwood. On the other side are Mr Hurd, Mr Brooke, the leaders of both Commons and Lords, the Chief Whip and the party chairman.

The distinction is best defined as between activists and managers. John Major is in the middle, an instinctive manager, a Tory reconciler, but also eager to show his Government is active. The dividing lines vary, depending on the issue. This debate is separate from the tactical question of how to minimise Tory losses at the coming elections. It requires campaign slogans rather than long-term strategies.

Both activists and managers agree that sustained economic recovery is vital. A couple of years of growth should remove some memories of the early 1990s. But that will not be sufficient to guarantee a fifth term, especially with big tax rises this year and next. The "time for a change" factor is bound to grow. Here is where the two sides disagree: how, and whether, to take forward the "Thatcher revolution".

The activists argue that the Tories have set the agenda for the past 15 years on trade unions, privatisation, taxes, deregulation, and reorganising public services. That momentum must be kept up. The fuss over back to basics, diverted by sex "scandals", has obscured what Messrs Howard, Lilley and Redwood have been arguing on social policy, reinforced from a different angle by John Patten and John Gummer. They believe that the basic themes of a greater emphasis on family, personal responsibility and voluntary effort are popular. The activists, on this point including Mr Clarke and Mr Heseltine, also argue that the Government has to be seen to be radical if it is to convince voters that it deserves another term.

The managers agree about the need for freshness. They believe that Mr Major won two years ago because he appeared to be leading a new government, distinct from the Thatcher era, while voters still mistrusted Labour. But freshness is not the same as being frenetic. There is no need, in Mr Hurd's phrase, "to break the mould of every public service afresh in every Parliament". So it is a mistake to confront so many powerful interests at the same time: the police, judges, teachers, universities, the county councils and pensioners. While many have been bought off, the cost has been high, both to the Exchequer and in political damage, with the Lords increasingly troublesome. The managers argue that the Government should concentrate on sustaining economic recovery and bedding in existing reforms rather than seeking new groups to confront.

The managers are resisting calls to include the privatisation of the Royal Mail in the next Queen's Speech. Bills on privacy and deregulating London buses has already been held up once. The managers argue that further radical measures are not going to reassure disillusioned Tory supporters: what they want is less mucking about, not more. The Government should seek to be competent rather than search for some illusory Big Idea, which may excite disputatious pundits but not the undecided voter in the public bar.

As significant in the long term is public spending. Last autumn, thanks to political adroitness by the Clarke-Portillo duo, real cuts in spending plans were announced, though big tax increases were still required. But can this discipline be maintained? The latest public borrowing figures suggest that the peak may have passed. So, with the economy recovering, some ministers may argue that it is all right to relax.

The Treasury is already resisting any hint of easing up. It argues that future spending plans, up to the election year, cannot be overturned. Moreover, the evident unpopularity of tax increases should make the Cabinet much less willing to consider them an acceptable alternative to a tight spending round. Treasury ministers argue that there is still big potential for efficiency gains throughout the public sector as a result of squeezing budgets. This will be reinforced by savings from the rolling long-term reviews of departmental budgets.

My hunch is that the managers will increasingly win the argument over future legislation, especially after the likely Tory rout in the coming elections. And the Treasury will succeed in holding down planned levels of spending, if only because that offers the hope of pre-election tax cuts. But the key to the Tories' long-term prospects lies more in whether the Government can regain public confidence in its day-to-day competence and unity. The latest row over European enlargement and voting rights on the Council of Ministers underlines the Government's vulnerability. Mr Hurd is going to have to be extremely agile at tomorrow's meeting to reconcile internal Tory Party and European pressures. It is going to be near impossible for the Tories to reinvent themselves in time for the next election unless they can avoid such traps, whatever strategy they adopt.

Truth will out

THERE can be few ministers better qualified than William Waldegrave to have helped in choosing the mass experiment for the Government's National Week of Science, Engineering and Technology which starts today. The experiment, designed so that anyone can take part, will be a lie-detecting test.

After sifting through hundreds of suggestions for an experiment in which everyone can become involved, the judging panel, which includes Waldegrave and John Birt, the BBC director-general, is ready to announce the winner. It will be the truth test.

The test will run concurrently next Friday on radio, television and in a national newspaper. It will require listeners, viewers or readers to determine lies from true statements. The idea, it seems, is to determine the medium through which it is easiest to tell lies.

It was, of course, Waldegrave who earlier this month caused a near meltdown in the Government when he told a select committee of MPs that ministers could justifiably lie to the House of Commons from time to time. And, but for his gaffe, it seems that Waldegrave would probably have been very much more involved in the mass experiment.

"Originally, they had hoped he might be the person to put all these statements — correct and incorrect — to the public," says a source. "But after that, it was thought not to be such a good idea." So the job has gone to Sir Robin Day.

Getting lumbered

CALLS to the Port of London Authority take many strange forms, but few can quite match up to a request last weekend for help in finding a missing tree trunk with two large breasts. Yet the alert was sounded when just such an object went missing from the pontoon of HMS *President* (1918), on the Thames.

It was an unfinished sculpture by Liz Leyh, who had been asked by the ship's owners to carve figureheads of the mythological Green Man and an accompanying bare-bosomed woman. "I left the tree trunk with half-carved breasts one night and came back to find it missing," says Leyh, who also sculpted the concrete cows in Milton Keynes. Happily, the unfinished sculpture was found bobbing merrily out to sea.

Here be monsters

THE exposure of the fake photograph of the Loch Ness Monster has been shrugged off by the International Society of Crypto-Zoology, conductor of scientific investigations into mysterious phenomena. Committee member and mermaid expert David Heppell, who is also curator of the National Museums of Scotland in Edinburgh, talks of plans for an expedition to the Congo later this year, in search of the alarmingly named Mokele Mbembe.



"It's a kind of dinosaur that's been seen by the natives once or twice. Supposed to inhabit a lake in the middle of swampland," he says. "Between a hippo and a dinosaur in size, a long neck and tail and the locals believe it lives on 'jungle chocolate' — a kind of nut from a riverbank tree."

Out of touch

CONFUSION among Welsh players at Twickenham on Saturday was not confined to those moments on the pitch when England overwhelmed them. Instead of heading straight to collect their championship trophy from the Queen after the game, as expected, the red jerseys disappeared into their dressing room, leaving the royal thumbs a-twiddling.

"Our understanding was that England would go up to the podium first and we would follow," explained Robert Norster, the Welsh manager, whose team turned up after an embarrassingly uneventful few minutes in the royal box for Ian Beer, president of the Rugby Football Union.

Invasion force

AS IF discontented rumblings from the German government were not enough, the French traffic police are clearly in for a busy time over the D-Day celebrations. Military car buffs are planning to send more than 3,500 historic war vehicles to Normandy for the first week of June and are confidently predicting mayhem.

Two of the largest ferries available have been booked to take the English contingent of more than 1,000 tanks, buses, lorries, cars and even bicycles to the beaches of Normandy for ceremonial re-enactments of D-Day landings.

"Ordinary holidaymakers should avoid the area like the plague," says John Taylor-Cram, the Solent area organiser for the Military Vehicle Trust. "Take a bike if you want to be able to move."

● *Next weekend's Boat Race will be unusually exciting for its organiser, Duncan Clegg, a former president of the Oxford crew. An injury brings his son Robert from Oxford's second boat, Isis, into the first eight. The London representative of the Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Club swears this will not sway his organisational judgment in Oxford's favour: "My wife's uncle was a famous Cambridge oarsman, so that helps balance things out."*





Vita and Harold couldn't stand azaleas

Fleurs du mal of Sissinghurst

VISITORS to Vita Sackville-West's beloved Sissinghurst may be troubled by the latest researches of Professor David Cannadine, the historian who sent the upper classes into apoplexy with his treatise *The Decline and Fall of the British Aristocracy*.

Cannadine, once a fellow of Christ's, Cambridge, and now at New York's Columbia University, takes a somewhat jaundiced view of Sackville-West and her husband Harold Nicolson in *Aspects of Aristocracy*, to be published next month. "His sense of superiority was based on ancestry rather than accomplishment, on attitudes rather than attainment," he writes. "The same might also be said of Sackville-West." On the garden itself: "Any flowers remotely tinted with the middle class or the suburbs were ruthlessly excluded. Azaleas were unsuitable because they were 'Ascot, Sunningdale sort of plants': rhododendrons were like 'fat stockbrokers, who we do not want to have to dinner'; and so on."

TIMES PAST — THE TIMES — FUTURE

TO PLAY FOR PEACE

Let Sarajevo's footballers make the future

Yesterday's football match in Sarajevo between a youthful local side and a team representing the United Nations Protection Force was a powerful symbol of hope in a city that has had little to celebrate since the collapse of Yugoslavia. Though the six-week-old ceasefire in the Bosnian capital remains precarious, the fact that the game was held at all is a step forward.

Like the trams now rattling through Sarajevo's streets, the return of football to this battered city means at least as much to Bosnians as any formal document signed by the warring parties. Because it was meant to mark the beginning of Sarajevo's slow — and doubtless fitful — journey back to normality, the match also struck a chord far beyond the boundaries of former Yugoslavia.

Sporting events have always been potent rituals of defiance during wars, and of celebration when they end. During the Second World War, Churchill regularly attended football matches to rally the public and a London Counties XI and British Empire XI toured the country playing cricket for charity. When peace was declared, a series of Victory Tests were held before massive crowds to mark the end of a conflict which had claimed the lives of at least 200 notable cricketers. Yesterday's match marked neither victory nor defeat but the determination of Sarajevans not to allow the simple pleasures of life to be swept away by the tidal wave of chaos that has loomed over them for two years.

But this could also be said of the other cultural events that the city's people have held to signal their defiance: a fashion show, a production of *Waiting for Godot*, a revival of the musical *Hair*. What made yesterday's match so poignant was the close relationship that has always existed between warfare and sport. In a basic sense, sport has traditionally been training for military life: long before the playing fields of Eton prepared the English gentry for battle, young Romans were learning the rudiments of war on the Campus Martius.

Yet as George Orwell observed, athletic competition is also the sublimation of man's martial instincts, a means of controlling them. Sport is a way out of war, as well as a way into it. This is why the impromptu football game played between British and German soldiers in no man's land on Christmas Day 1914 has captured the imagination of subsequent generations. To hold a sporting match is one of the most humane acts possible in times of trauma and terror. It shows that competition between towns, races and nations need not involve bloodshed. It proves that the will to win need not be barbarous. For the people of Bosnia, yesterday's match was a reminder of a civilised life that existed before the siege — and a small sign that it will one day be restored.

BEHIND THE MASK

France and Germany should be more frank with each other

In the code of diplomatic behaviour, calling in an ambassador suggests a serious public rift between two countries. The German Foreign Ministry's summons last week of the French Ambassador to Bonn to complain about his briefing to German journalists betrays not only Helmut Kohl's thin-skinned impatience with French criticism of his government; it makes public what the diplomatic fudge of the past year could not conceal — that Franco-German relations are poorer than they have been for many years.

For all the subsequent protestations of unshakeable friendship, the alliance that is the bedrock of each country's foreign policy is under strain. The engine of European integration has ground to a halt, sparking static. France fears that unified Germany is moving away from its westward moorings, shrugging off old complexes and asserting itself at the expense of France's economic independence and leadership in Europe. Germany is angered that France appears still to insist on German political subservience while blackmailing Bonn into supporting its own self-serving policies: over Gatt, transatlantic relations, the defence of the franc and the enlargement of the European Union.

Exacerbating this discord, two historical events have stirred dormant emotions: the row over the D-Day celebrations, and Herr Kohl's abrupt cancellation of the parade through Berlin by the three Western powers to commemorate 45 years of Allied protection. The D-Day row was predictable, given the clumsy handling on both sides. Herr Kohl's insensitive hints that he wanted to join the Allies in Normandy were prompted by pride and electoral considerations. He wanted to demonstrate in the run-up to a difficult general election that he ranks as an experienced old friend of all the leaders gathering in France in June.

President Mitterrand, for his part, found he could not put his friendship with Herr Kohl above the vibrant emotions of the older generation of combatants. At the same time neither he nor other Allied leaders understood Bonn's difficulty in countenancing a Western parade through Berlin while refusing any participation by the Russians — whose presence would be as much anathema to the local population as Herr Kohl's in Normandy.

Such spats are inevitable as long as the two countries have not fully come to terms with the trauma of the Second World War. Reconciliation was imposed from above necessarily, and to the credit of de Gaulle and Adenauer. Vigorous attempts have been made to promote it from below, with a range of political, academic, cultural and youth exchanges. But there has always been a forced element in the affair, leading to a smiling denial of any differences for fear that the relationship would unravel. Paris and Bonn have tried to consolidate it with regular joint European integration initiatives, however utopian or domestically irrelevant. Having run out of fresh ideas, the tandem has lost balance.

To the extent therefore that Paris and Bonn can no longer buffet and shunt their EU partners along the tracks they have laid down, this divergence is welcome. Both countries will look more to Britain instead of using London as a common butt to rally others around their federal vision. Britain would be foolish to rely on a split on the alliance on which Continental stability has been founded. But Anglo-French relations - because of Bosnia, UN Security Council responsibilities and convergent views by conservative governments - are already close on many issues. If the French and Germans dare admit it, their own relationship will be more natural and durable if open differences are openly admitted rather than concealed beneath the iron mask of harmony.

LEARNING THE LAW

Lord Justice Steyn's proposals deserve support

The Lord Chancellor's blueprint for reform of the legal profession, when first unveiled in 1989, provoked a storm of protest in the threatened constituencies, particularly the Bar. The most significant casualty, had his original Green Paper held its own, would have been the professional distinction between barristers and solicitors. Five years later the distinction survives, although in a relatively attenuated form. The belief that the divided profession is living on borrowed time — with only the conservatism of the Bar as its scaffolding — has gathered ground. Recent proposals by the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee on education and conduct, chaired by Lord Justice Steyn, will confirm that belief.

The advisory committee has proposed a system of common training for all lawyers: those who wish to specialise in advocacy will serve their apprenticeship in a barrister's chambers after this training. The existing method of separated instruction, whereby graduates go either to a school of law under the aegis of the Inns of Court (for barristers) or of the Law Society (for solicitors), will be abolished. The proposals should be welcomed, both in terms of the improvement that will be wrought to legal education, and for their impact on the continuing debate on the reform of the legal profession.

The present system is flawed in a significant respect: it forces prospective lawyers to make a hasty choice between the two branches. This decision, made while most are still unfledged, is often not an informed one: this cannot be good for either the chooser or the chosen. The legal establishment might learn a few lessons from its medical counterpart: students have to decide whether they want to be a brain surgeon or a general practitioner only after six years of shared education. Sauce for the medical goose is perfectly good sauce for the legal gander. The reformed system would, constructively, postpone the decision by a year. And the shared formative stable would ensure that there was less "wastage".

There is also a powerful pragmatic point in favour of the new proposals: the Bar's monopoly of training, under attack by the Director-General of Fair Trading, is set to end. It will inevitably have to relinquish its absolute control over numbers entering for the vocational course. This would entail licensing universities to conduct the course, as the Law Society has done. As universities are unlikely to herd prospective barristers and solicitors into separate lecture theatres, *de facto* common training is already on the cards. It would not be logical to resist a formal fusion.

But the new proposals are as much about the legal profession as they are about legal education. The fusion of the professions appears to be the unstated goal: sections of the Bar are bound to view it as a Trojan horse. But the politics of Fortress Bar has ensured that reform is only possible by circumnavigation. The essence of its case against a fused profession — that advocacy is such a special skill that it should be surrounded by restrictive practices — has never been wholly convincing.

A divided profession does not best serve the interests of the "consumer": it is, to put it bluntly, more expensive. This may not matter at the corporate end of the scale, but it does to individuals who pay for themselves. And since almost 50 per cent of barristers' fees comes from legal-aid work — financed by the State — it is a waste of public money. Although the present system "ain't broke" in every respect, it certainly needs fixing in some. Lord Justice Steyn's proposals are a small step in the right direction.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Selecting sex of children

From the Archbishop of York

Sir, Janet Daley's thoughtful article (March 16) on sex selection takes us a long way, but not quite far enough. The next step must be to draw distinctions between different methods, circumstances and motives. Some methods, selective abortion for example, must surely be wrong except in life-threatening circumstances and potentially disastrous in cultures where there is a predisposition to favour a particular sex. Embryo selection through IVF (*in-vitro* fertilisation) might be justified in the case of sex-linked hereditary diseases but should not, in my view, be acceptable for purely personal or social reasons.

Sperm selection, as the least invasive but also least reliable technique, raises fewer ethical problems. The problems lie, not with individual parents who may value their children all the more because they have chosen them, but with long-term social consequences.

One of the main effects of a growing use of sex-selection techniques for purely social reasons must be to change public attitudes. It is at this level of public perception that the argument against designer babies begins to bite. Babies are not products but persons, and because this distinction is so fundamental to our understanding of what human beings are, anything which might tend to blur it should be resisted.

New life is to be received as a gift, and it is vital not to erode that sense of givenness.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN EBOR:,
Bishopthorpe Palace,
Bishopthorpe, York.
March 16.

Labour and Irish unity

From the Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

Sir, Peter Riddell ("Political will must be hardened in the fire of the IRA's armed struggle", March 16) claimed that my "nationalism" is partly responsible for the Conservative-Unionist deal at the House of Commons.

Labour Party policy on Northern Ireland is decided by the Labour Party conference. In 1981 the conference adopted the policy of Irish unity by consent, and in 1987 the key policy statement asserted that "no group or party should or will be allowed to exercise a veto on political development or on policies designed to win consent". Both these decisions were made before I became Shadow Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

At last year's party conference a resolution was passed which recognised "that it is for the British and Irish Governments to recognise the responsibilities which both share for seeking and ultimately securing a settlement". Neil Kinnock, when he was party Leader, actively supported the Anglo-Irish agreement and the present Leader has warmly welcomed the Downing Street declaration.

These are the basic tenets of the Labour Party's policy on Northern Ireland. They are the policies which I support, and which I have been appointed to advocate.

Yours sincerely,
KEVIN McNAMARA
(MP for Hull North),
House of Commons.

Melina and marbles

From Mr B. H. Kemball-Cook

Sir, Lord Aberconway (letter, March 12, other letters, March 17) seeks to settle the controversy about the Elgin Marbles by asserting that "the crux of the matter is that he (Lord Elgin) bought them and paid for them, and thus brought them to England as his property. This, beyond question, proves our right to retain them".

In fact Lord Elgin did *not* buy the Marbles and did *not* pay anything for them. This is proved by a letter which he wrote to Sir Charles Long, the Paymaster-General, in May 1811, in which he stated "the objects were not purchased".

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN KEMBALL-COOK,
12 Francis Close,
Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Guns at home and links with crime

From Mr Richard Munday

Sir, Professor Jonathan Shepherd (letter, March 15) refers to "medical evidence" which he says was influential in the passage of the Brady Bill, last year's gun-control measure in the United States. There have been several recent initiatives on gun control in the United States, under the guise of medical research.

The Harvard School of Public Health has been commissioned to develop ways of presenting firearms violence as a "public health menace", and a conference was hosted in Chicago last October to establish a "public health model to work toward changing society's attitudes towards guns so that it becomes socially unacceptable for private citizens to have handguns".

The moot point is whether the produce of that political agenda is academically credible. Whilst your correspondent asserts that the "risks of owning a firearm far outweigh any protection that is afforded in terms of crime prevention", a dozen surveys conducted by independent analysts for both pro and anti-gun organisations have drawn the opposite conclusion and this is sustained by the main body of US criminological research.

Professor Gary Kleck's exhaustive study at Florida State University's School of Criminology in 1991 found that while handguns were used annually in some 581,000 crimes, they were deployed defensively in 645,000 cases (in 14 per cent of which they were actually fired at an aggressor).

A survey of convicted felons for the National Institute of Justice in 1986 revealed that most criminals would avoid a victim they believed to be armed, and were more afraid of running into an armed citizen than they were of the police. Of the 37 per cent who had faced armed resistance, almost all (fully 34 per cent of the total) had been apprehended, injured, or put to flight by their intended victim.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD MUNDAY
(Director, European Programmes,
Institute for Research on Small Arms
in International Security, Virginia),
Camwell Hall,
Much Hadham, Hertfordshire.
March 18.

From the Director of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation

Sir, Professor Shepherd, highlighting the tragic death of Lady Caithness, has used an incorrect premise to promote his view that guns kept in homes increase the risk of suicide or murder of one family member by another.

Guns are not kept in the home for crime prevention or protection against intruders. The number of licences issued to individuals in the UK for self-protection can be counted on one hand.

The risk of suicide for householders is not increased in homes with firearms. Statistics provided by the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys show that in 1992 there were 979 suicides by hanging, 1,163 by motor vehicle exhaust gas and 128 by jumping from high places. Suicide by shotguns totalled 80.

More and more senior police officers acknowledge that guns held by licensed holders play a minimal part in armed crime statistics. The enormous pool of illegal weapons readily available to the criminal is the real problem.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SWIFT,
Director,
The British Association for
Shooting and Conservation,
Marford Mill, Rossett,
Wrexham, Clwyd.
March 17.

From Mr Anthony Bowles

Sir, Legally, there is a difference in certification between a firearm (e.g., a rifle) and a shotgun. Lady Caithness killed herself with the latter.

Shotguns are invariably owned for sporting purposes. Both firearms and shotguns are strictly controlled by legislation and must be held in approved secure cabinets under lock and key.

There can be very few who own a shotgun or a rifle for the purpose of "crime prevention" or conferring "protection against intruders". Indeed, police require strict proof of the purposes of ownership of a firearm before a certificate is granted.

No useful purpose would be achieved here by stricter control.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY BOWLES,
White Edge, Amberley Road,
Storrington, West Sussex.
March 16.

From Mr A. Taylerson

Sir, I could stomach all Professor Shepherd's remarks (just) but not his last paragraph in which he calls for more gun control. We have had increasingly severe anti-firearms legislation, at Home Office prompting, since at least the Pistols Act of 1903. Is Professor Shepherd, as a result of that legislation, now less likely to be involved in a crime with firearms or more so?

Yours &c,
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Reigate, Surrey.
March 18.

Wrens on board

From Mrs Eoin Ashton-Johnson

Sir, How I agree with Richard Tilbrook (letter, March 15) that Wrens should not serve at sea. It is not fair to add suspicion and jealousy to the list of difficulties a naval wife has to overcome. Were my husband still in the Navy I would take a very dim view of the situation as I stayed at home bringing up the children, struggling with the finances, cutting the grass and hoping there wouldn't be a burst pipe.

It is one thing knowing that there will be temptations when they arrive at and are entertained in home and foreign ports but quite another seeing them off on their voyage with a herd of women. The Navy at sea is a man's world and should remain so.

Yours sincerely,
JOANNA ASHTON-JOHNSON,
Gullivers Farm, East Orchard,
Shaftesbury, Dorset.

From Mrs Stephanie Trotter

Sir, It is indeed not fair to expect virile young men living away from wives and girlfriends for long periods cheek by jowl with attractive young women to become suddenly celibate.

But would it be fair to turn the clock back to when Wrens were not allowed at sea? The solution to this dilemma is, surely, all-women ships.

Yours sincerely,
STEPHANIE TROTTER,
Lorien, Common Lane,
Claygate, Surrey.

Sunday betting

From the Chairman of the National Council on Gambling

Sir, The report (March 16) that Neil Hamilton, an industry minister, intends to include an amendment to the Deregulation Bill which would end restrictions preventing bookmakers operating on Sundays has worrying implications.

Until recently, gambling legislation has been the sole concern of the Home Office. However, the Department of National Heritage has now been allowed to take responsibility for the legislative control of the national lottery, on the pretext that lotteries are only a mild form of gambling.

This has already resulted in a significant weakening of the policy of providing gambling facilities on the basis that demand should not be stimulated.

It would be highly undesirable if this erosion of the Home Office's responsibility for gambling continues and the Department of Trade and Industry is allowed to legislate on the control of betting, in order to provide additional finance for racing. The inevitable consequence will be a raised incidence of people addicted to gambling.

Yours faithfully,
E. MORAN,
Chairman,
The National Council on Gambling,
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March 16.

Soviet wives affair

From Mr Alfred Hall

Sir, As husband of the only one of the 1947 group of 15 "Soviet wives" to be granted an exit visa from Russia — my wife eventually received hers from Malenkov in July 1953 — I was naturally interested to read the letters from Sir Frank Roberts (February 19) and from Mr R. C. H. Briggs and Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker (March 2) about attempts by the Foreign Office to influence Soviet policy on this thorny matter.

I believe Channel 4's accusation of indifference to be well founded (report, January 20). I am not so sure about duplicity; perhaps diplomacy is the word we seek.

A classified Foreign Office telegram sent to Moscow in May 1946, now accessible at the Public Records Office, sets the tone:

It goes without saying that the Soviet wives could not be mentioned with decorum except over a cocktail or a pot of tea and it may well be, therefore, that there will again be no opportunity to discuss them.

In the years 1947-48, there were in fact five "decorous" opportunities, but Mr Bevin chose to use only one of them — with Stalin, who gave him the preposterous, perhaps sardonic, reply that on both the occasions on which he (Stalin) had raised the Soviet wives matter with the Supreme Soviet he had been "harshly dealt with", and that he did not think that there was anything that could be done.

At this, Mr Bevin appeared to lose heart. He minuted in November 1947, "I can do no more". But the Foreign Office continued to parrot the reply to all parliamentary and media interventions that everything possible was being done to secure the release of the wives.

One by one, over the next five years, the wives were picked off for harassment, bullied into divorce, or consigned to the Gulag after the usual mock trial. At intervals, both the FO and the embassy agonised over whether or not to publicise this mistreatment of British subjects. They need not have bothered: with Guy Burgess installed at the very heart of the FO as private secretary to Hector McNeil, Bevin's minister of state, the Soviets would have been kept informed on British policies and plans for the Soviet wives, as on much else.

In March 1951 the then British ambassador, Sir David Kelly, informed the FO of his unwillingness to raise the Soviet wives issue because "repetition of ineffective protests tends to create a general impression of impotence". He added:

The Soviet authorities have regarded our reticence in publicity as a sign of weakness or lack of interest and I fear that it has merely encouraged them to go about removing all the Soviet wives under one pretext or another from our care.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
ALFRED HALL,
White Cliff, The Front,
St Margaret's Bay, Dover, Kent.
March 14.

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Price to pay for tax self-assessment

From the General Secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation

Sir, Next month there will be several occasions when millions of taxpayers and consumers will be reminded that their taxes are going up. Wage packets will show rises in tax and National Insurance; mortgage statements will show an unexpected rise as tax relief goes down to 20 per cent; and gas and electricity bills will show 8 per cent extra for VAT.

But there are other unwelcome tax changes in the Finance Bill that are much less well known. The most far-reaching is a plan to privatise the assessment of income tax liability by inviting taxpayers to do it themselves. Originally this was to be called "simplified assessing". But in view of the mountains of paperwork likely to be involved, it is now referred to as "self-assessment" of tax.

There are several key areas of concern. Individual taxpayers will face additional trouble, or extra costs. Many will feel it necessary to get help from accountants — or back-street "tax shops" of dubious quality.

In the United States stringent enforcement powers have been found necessary to make self-assessment work, and there are real fears that these powers would be imported into UK tax affairs.

Self-assessment of tax is being brought in under the guise of the "deregulation" of government activities. It is nothing of the sort. It is largely a shift in the burden of administering tax laws on to small businesses and the self-employed, the very people the Government is trying to help.

Taxpayers must insist on their right of access to a free and impartial service from their local tax office. Why should they be asked to do the Inland Revenue's work as well as their own — or pay commercial costs to get someone else to do it?

Yours etc,
CLIVE BROOKE,
General Secretary,
Inland Revenue Staff Federation,
231 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.
March 18.

Loss of speech

From Miss Amaryllis Fleming

Sir, I was horrified by the account of Sir John Hale's hospital plight while he was being treated for dysphasia ["Prisoner of cruel silence", Body and Mind, March 8; letters, March 17]. I would like to offset this with my good fortune in the treatment I received from a well known neurologist at a private London hospital. He arranged for a physiotherapist and a speech therapist daily from the first day I was admitted.

I was suffering from a stroke which left me with no power of speech or writing, affected my vision and partly paralysed my right side. But within less than six months I was able to speak reasonably intelligibly, and to write legibly. Moreover I was able to prove that I had regained a small part of my former ability as a cellist by giving an informal recital.

I now know that good speech therapists are rare and I continue to see mine at least once a week. She makes learning such a pleasure that I am indeed lucky. But it would be sad if I were the only stroke victim to feel this way.

Yours sincerely,
AMARYLLIS FLEMING,
21 Cresswell Place, SW10.
March 15.

Cricke[illegible]untry

From the Reverend Dr Robert Letham

Sir, William Rees-Mogg ("Who should lead England", March 10; letters, March 16) was reminded by a public figure of the old Somerset cricketer Bertie Buse, whom he aptly describes as a reliable professional, never outstanding. There was "never the least suggestion that he was a natural leader".

However, the major figure who inadvertently jogged Rees-Mogg's memory might draw comfort from *Wisden*'s obituary of Buse. He was "in his element shoring up his side's innings when it was threatening to disintegrate". His bowling "was much more formidable than his neat, fastidious run-up suggested". In fact "he was a steely competitor who delighted in tormenting high-class batsmen".

Yours faithfully,
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Tusks among the vines

From Mr Peter Cousins

Sir, News that boars, escaping from a Kentish farm, have attacked a Tenterden vineyard (report and photograph, March 17) will not surprise church historians. In 1520 Pope Leo X issued his bull, *Exsurge Domine*, condemning Luther's 41 articles as heretical, which begins: "Arise, O Lord and judge thy cause. A wild boar has invaded thy vineyard . . ."

The vintners of Kent are in good company.

Yours faithfully,
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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 19: The Queen, Patron, Rugby Football Union, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh and The Prince Edward, today opened the new East Stand and attended the One Hundredth International Rugby Match between England and Wales at Twickenham, Middlesex.

Having been received by the President, Rugby Football Union (Mr Ian Beer), the President, Welsh Rugby Football Union (Sir Tasker Watkins) and the Mayor of Richmond (Councillor Gina MacKinney), Her Majesty, with Their Royal Highnesses, honoured the President with her presence at Luncheon.

The Queen later unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Lady Farnham, Sir Kenneth Scott, Major James Patrick and Mr Simon Gimson were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 19: The Princess Royal, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, today attended the International Rugby Match between Scotland and France at Murrayfield and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 19: The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, The Gloucestershire Regiment, was present at a Luncheon to celebrate the Regiment's Tercentenary at Royal Air Force Quedgeley, Gloucestershire.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes). Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 20: By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Mrs Nazarbaeva and welcomed His Excellency and Mrs Nazarbaeva on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 20: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Irish Regiment, this evening arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from the Republic of Cyprus.

Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton and Major Joyce Gillison were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 20: The Princess Royal this evening departed from Heathrow Airport, London, for the United States of America to attend the General Assembly in Tampa, Florida, as President of the International Equestrian Federation and to open the International Equine Sports Medicine Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, as President of the Animal Health Trust.

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 20: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood Trust, this evening attended a reception at the Swallow Royal Hotel, College Green, Bristol, followed by a Variety Performance at the Bristol Hippodrome, St Augustine's Parade, the Centre, Bristol, Avon.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

University of Portsmouth

Honorary Degrees will be conferred on Professor A.M. Dewedar, President of the Suez Canal University, Hon DSc; Miss Evelyn Glennie, percussionist, Hon DMus; Mrs Shirley Metherell, founder of The Elizabeth Foundation for Deaf Children, Hon MEd; Professor Dato A. Nawawi, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Malaya, Hon DSc; Professor Ghillean Prance, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Hon DSc; Dr Alan Rudge, President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Hon DEng; Sir John Smith, founder of the Manifold and Landmark Charitable Trusts, Hon LLD.

Memorial service

Sir Desmond Lee

A memorial service for Sir Desmond Lee was held on Saturday in Winchester College Chapel. The Rev Robert Ferguson, senior chaplain, officiated. Mr Martin Lee, son, read the lesson and Mr John Thorn read from the works of Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh. Mr Martin Scott gave an address.

The Headmaster of Winchester College and representatives of the Headmaster's Conference, Clifton College, Bristol, and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, attended.

Church news is on the facing page

Nature notes

THE first of the spring migrants are back: chiffchaffs were flooding into Britain at the weekend. They search for small flies among the blossoming sallows and osiers, darting out or suddenly dropping down, and singing all the time. The first sand martins have also arrived: before going on to the sandpits where they will nest, they feed in small flocks over the water where insects are swarming.



The chiffchaff

On large lakes, great crested grebes are courting: they face each other, vigorously shaking their heads and their chestnut ruffs, and making clicking noises. If the wind catches the open ruffs, their heads look like woolly mops. Male Canada geese also shake their heads and honk as they stand by their mate, displaying the white patch under their chin: they are warning their rivals not to enter their breeding territory. Early coots are sitting on eggs on their reedy nests, and some very precocious pairs already have red-headed young.

Cow parsley leaves have grown into thick carpets, and the first white flowers are opening. Wood anemones are in flower among the bluebell leaves: the blossoms are a delicate white, tinged with purple beneath, and they turn their backs to the wind as it blows. DJM

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens, will visit Hales Hall, Loddon, Norfolk, at 11.55; and will present the Country Landowners Association Farm Buildings awards at Hilborough Stud Farm, Hilborough, at 2.30.

The Duke of York will open Greenwich Place, Saltash, Cornwall, at 2.30.

Princess Margaret, as President of the Invalid Children's Aid Nationwide, will visit the association's new offices at Barbican City Gate, EC1, at 3.45.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death Research Support) will attend the judging of the 1994 Christmas card competition at St Peter's, Eaton Square, at 11.00.

School news

Eaton Square Schools

Miss Yvonne Cuthbert, Principal of Eaton Square Schools, 79 Eccleston Square, London, SW1, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Richard Woods, LL B (Hons), present Head of the Preparatory department at Newton Prep School to the position of Headmaster of Eaton Square Schools. He will be responsible for the development of the School to full preparatory status as from September 1, 1994.

King's School, Bruton

Scholarships 1994

Major Scholarships: N. Aspinall, KSB Junior; A. Hammacher, KSB Junior.
Minor Scholarships: A. Harris, St Aubyn's, Tiverton; M. Law, KSB Junior; A. Thompson, KSB Junior.
Exhibitions: B. Bazzard, Northaw; E. Urquhart, KSB Junior.
All Rounder Awards: P. Crang, KSB Junior; G. Jotcham, KSB Junior; S. Thompson, All Hallows.
Kenya Award: M. Rogers, Banda, Nairobi.
Music Scholarship: A. Newman, Northcliffe.
Art Scholarship: J. Kean, Edinburgh House.
Design Scholarships: T. Ball, Mount House; L. Broderick, Mount House.
Sixth Form Scholarships
Kenya Sixth Form Award: C. Bolt, St Andrew's, Turi.
Girls' Scholarships
Major Scholarship: Elizabeth Free, St Andrew's, Turi.
Minor Scholarships: Michele Kigozi, St Andrew's, Turi; Thitu Mwaniki, St Andrew's, Turi.

Loretto/Heriot-Watt Essay Prize

The Loretto/Heriot-Watt Essay Prize 1994 "Does Integrity in Modern Business Hinder Success" (in no more than 1,500 words) is open to all pupils in full-time education in schools. The prize will be two weeks, all expenses paid, based with an International Tyre and Automotive Parts Company in the USA. The prizewinner will be announced at the Loretto/Heriot-Watt Lecture to be given by Mr Tom Farmer, CBE, Chairman and Chief Executive of Kwik-Fit Holdings plc, in the Loretto Theatre, Musselburgh on Thursday, June 2, 1994. Closing date for entries is Monday, May 2, 1994. Entry forms may be obtained from: The Headmaster, Loretto/Heriot-Watt Essay Prize 1994, Loretto, Musselburgh, near Edinburgh, Midlothian EH21 7RE. Tel: 031 665 2567.

Reception

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were hosts last night at a reception held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the ROC.

Appointment

Richard John Sutherland Muir to be Ambassador to Oman in succession to Sir Terence Clark, who is retiring.

CHRIS HARRIS



Frida Anderson, aged nine, from Hackney, east London, was among white-robed Druids marking the arrival of spring as they celebrated the vernal equinox at Tower Hill terrace in the City of London yesterday

Birthdays today

Lord Boston of Faversham, QC, 64; Mr Peter Brook, theatrical producer, 69; Dr C.L. Brundin, president, Templeton College, Oxford, 63; Mr Brian Clough, former football manager, 58; Miss Ann Clwyd, MP, 57; Mr Timothy Dalton, actor, 48; Mr Ieuan Evans, rugby player, 30; Mr Michael Foreman, writer and illustrator, 56; Mrs Llin Golding, MP, 61; Sir John Hall, former chairman, Cameron Hall Developments, 61; Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, MP, 45; Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, 61; Mr Antony Hopkins, composer and conductor, 73; Mr Frederic Horne, former Chief Taxing Master, Supreme Court, 77; Miss Ann Mackay, soprano, 38; Sir Peter Main, former chairman, The Boots Company, 69; the Earl of Munster, 68; Baroness Nicol, 71; Lord Oaksey, 65; Sir John Palmer, former president, Law Society, 74; Professor J.D. Pickard, consultant neurosurgeon, 48; Mr Geoffrey Pimmington, former editor, *Sunday People*, 75; Mr Ayrton Senna, racing driver, 34; Sir Brian Shaw, chairman, Port of London Authority, 61; Viscount Soulsbury, 79; the Earl of Swinton, 57; Sir Stanley Tomlinson, diplomat, 82; Lord Wilson of Langside, QC, 78.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Johann Sebastian Bach, composer, Eisenbach, Germany, 1685; Claude-Nicolas Ledoux, architect, Dormans-sur-Marne, 1736; Jean Paul Richter, humourist, Wunsiedel, Germany, 1763; Jean Baptiste Fourier, mathematician, Auxerre, France, 1768; Henry Kirke White, poet, Nottingham, 1785; Benito Juarez, President of Mexico 1861-72, San Pablo, Mexico, 1806; Modest Mussorgsky, composer, Karevo, 1835; Albert Chevalier, music hall entertainer, London, 1861; H.A.L. Fisher, historian, London, 1865; Florenz Ziegfeld, theatrical producer, Chicago, 1869; Hans Hoffmann, painter, Weissenberg, Germany, 1880; Erich Mendelsohn, architect, Allenstein, East Prussia, 1887.

DEATHS: Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury 1533-56, burnt at the stake, Oxford, 1556; James Ussher, Archbishop of Armagh 1625-56, Reigate, Surrey, 1656; Samuel Parker, Bishop of Oxford 1686-88, Oxford, 1688; John Law, economist, Venice, 1729; Richard Dawes, scholar, Heworth, Newcastle, 1766; Jean-Baptiste Greuze, painter, Paris, 1805; Robert Southey, Poet Laureate 1813-43, Keswick, 1843; William Scoresby, clergyman and Arctic explorer, Torquay, 1857; Sir Michael Redgrave, actor, Denham, Buckinghamshire, 1985; Leo Fender, pioneer of the electric guitar, Fullerton, California, 1991.

Africans were massacred by police at Sharpeville, South Africa, 1960.

Dinner

John Brown Davy

The Inaugural Parliamentary Dinner for John Brown Davy, part of the Trafalgar House Group, was held on Wednesday, March 16, at the Royal Horseguards Hotel. Mr Ian Robinson, Chairman of John Brown Davy, was host.

The Right Hon John Gummer, Secretary of State for the Environment, and Mr Doug Hoyle, Chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, were the principal speakers.

The guests included:

Mr Stuart Bell, MP, Mr Clive Betts, MP, Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP, Mr Frank Cook, MP, Mr Tim Devlin, MP, Dr Norman Godman, MP, Mr Mike Hall, MP, the Right Hon David Howell, MP, Mr George Kynoch, MP, Mr Andrew Rowe, MP, Mr Tony Worthington, MP, and Mrs Maureen Tomlson, Chairman of Decision Makers.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.F. Battong and Miss C.S. Yates

The marriage will take place quietly in Tasmania on March 25, 1994, between Marcus, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Frank Battong, of Shudy Camps, Cambridgeshire, and Camilla, daughter of Mr Rodney Yates, of Marholm, Peterborough, and Mrs Arthur Collins, of Great Sampford, Essex.

Mr R. Grecian and Miss A.C. Chinnery

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs J. Grecian, of Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, and Alice, daughter of Mr Mark Chinnery and the late Mrs Diana Chinnery and stepdaughter of Mrs Valerie Chinnery, of Brighton, Sussex.

Mr T.J.L. Keywood and Miss V.N. Savage

The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of Mr and Mrs Eric Keywood, of West End, Esher, Surrey, and Veronica, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Savage, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr T.F. Stanley-Clarke and Miss D.L.S. Mackay

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of the late Major Arthur Stanley-Clarke, MC, and of Mrs Stanley-Clarke, of Lower Layham, Suffolk, and Doune, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Angus Mackay, of Cookley, Suffolk.

Captain W.F.K. Usher and Major H.E.J. McCausland

The engagement is announced between Captain William Usher, The Gordon Highlanders, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Usher, of Edinburgh, and Joanne, younger daughter of Mr Victor McCausland and Mrs Lesley McCausland, of County Down, Northern Ireland.

Mr R.J.R. Bunce and Miss L.J. Reid

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Bunce, of Purley, Surrey, and Lesley, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Reid, of Swanton Morley, Norfolk.

Dr R.J.L. Walters and Dr R.H. Thomas

The engagement is announced between Richard Jon Llewellyn, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Huw Walters, of Dulwich, London, and Rachel Hannah, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Dafydd Thomas, of Fulmer, Buckinghamshire.

Marriages

The Hon Robert Harbord-Hamond and Miss S. Stevens

A service of blessing was held on Saturday in Gresham's School Chapel, Norfolk, after the marriage of the Hon Robert Harbord-Hamond, youngest son of Lord and Lady Suffield, to Miss Sarah Stevens, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Stevens. The Rev R.M. Myerscough officiated.

Mr A.W. Davies and Miss S.M.C. Thistlethwayte

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Adderbury, Oxfordshire, of Mr Alexander Davies, younger son of the Hon Jonathan and Mrs Davies, of Abingdon, to Miss Sophia Thistlethwayte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Thistlethwayte, of Adderbury. The Rev John Holbrook, Father Kevin Taggart, OSB, and the Rev Harvey Griffiths officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emily Kingzett, Hugo Delamere, Henrietta Scrope and Edward Scrope. Mr James Harrison was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Italy.

Administrative Management Diploma examination

Institute of Administrative Management

The following have successfully completed the Institute of Administrative Management Diploma examination held in December, 1993.

I I All (West Indies); Ang Lay Hua (Singapore); J O Ayanda (London); M Y Benjamin (London); E Chan Wing Yee (Hong Kong); D Chan Yat Shan (Hong Kong); Chang Sook Fang (Singapore); Cheok Eng Sin (Singapore); *Cheong Kon Lian (Singapore); Cheong Yeong Jiun (Singapore); J Chia Sim Neo (Singapore); Chong Tze Ooi (Malaysia); M Chow (Singapore); Chu Jin Ling (Singapore); Chua Sock Hoon (Singapore); Chung Ng Chui Ying (Prince of Wales Brit); A G Clowes (Birmingham); M L Dawson (Manchester); W P De Largy (Co Antrim); Ding Mee Leng (Malaysia); Foo Meng Fang (Singapore); Goh Ah Mol (Singapore); G Goh Hwee Sang (Singapore); P Gregg (Co Down); S A Griffin (Birmingham); *F M Harvey (London); C A Hawthorne (Co Down); Heng Lee Koon (Singapore); M Ho Ngiat Chin (Singapore); H Siew Shin (Malaysia); Hoo Kok Pung (Singapore); Kang Mui Leng (Singapore); Koh Kim Eng (Singapore); Kong Yuet Hoe (Singapore); E Kuah Ah Geok (Singapore); Kuna Shekar (Singapore); J M Langub (Malaysia West); Lee Kwok Hung (Hong Kong); Leong Chew Thal (Malaysia); C Leong Su Ying (Malaysia); Leong Yee Mun (Singapore); Lim Ai Peng (Singapore); Lim Ann Soon (Singapore); Lim Joo Tin (Singapore); Lim Lay Kiong (Singapore); L Lim Seen Seen (Singapore); T Lim Siew Tin (Singapore); Lim Yee Inn (Malaysia); Loke Yin Khuan (Singapore); C Low Kim Lye (Singapore); Mak Wei Yee (Singapore); S J Martin (Co Down); M T Matthews (N Ireland); E A Mawson (nr Chester); B S Moitimtiyi (London); Neo Aik Kuan (Singapore); Neo Bee Ngoh (Singapore); A Ng Geok Lui (Singapore); J Ng Guek Hoon (Singapore); A Ng Hong Eng (Singapore); N C O Norfor (Singapore); H Ong Bee Lian (Singapore); J Pickett (London); A R Razwana Begum Bte. (Singapore); R Saraswathi (Malaysia); Seah Hock Tee (Singapore); Seck Mun Foong (Singapore); Seet Eng Hoe (Singapore); P V Sexton (Hants); P A Sheard (Notts); Sim Piak Lian (Singapore); S S Subramanian (Singapore); Tam Shu Wah (Hong Kong); Tan Soo Yee (Singapore); Tan Swee Keng (Singapore); Tan Yeow Sian (Singapore); P Tang Man Yee (Hong Kong); R L Taparia (India); D Tay Bee Hoon (Singapore); Tham Keng Hoong (Singapore); Tong Chee Tee (Singapore); R R Turnham-Jones (Surrey); Vasugi (Singapore); R Wee Yok Chye (Singapore); Wong Lai Heng (Singapore); S Wong Moon Kiew (Singapore); J Wong Swee Yin (Singapore); Wong Yew Theam (Singapore); Wong Yoke Peng (Malaysia); D Woon Ng Hoong (Singapore); Yeow Soh Plow (Singapore); M Yong Chiew Leng (Singapore); H Zainal Abidin (Singapore); A Zephyrine (West Indies).

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BIRTHS

BAKER - On 17th March 1994 to Julie and Robert, a daughter, Lois Elizabeth, a sister for Timothy and William

BEELEY - On March 15th 1994, to Katherine (née Stathaton) and Patrick, a daughter, Sophia Elisabeth Patricia, a sister for Alexandra and Anthony.

SCOTTS - On March 17th, 1994, at Queen Marys Hospital, Roehampton, to Nicky and Roger, a daughter, Alice Victoria Rose. A sister for Olivia.

DEATHS

ARMSTRONG- Katherine Honor Dorothy (Ltd). Dearly loved wife of Larry. Beloved mother of Jane, Sarah, Pat and Katie and adored stepmother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Funeral service to be held at St Michael The Ark Angel Lyme Regis Parish Church on Thursday 24th March at 1pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired for the Childrens society or the Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund are being excepted care of W G Potter Funeral Directors, William Potter House, 5 West Street, Axminster, Devon. Tel 0297 34285.

BRADSHAW- Graham Edward on 18 March 1994. Dearly loved husband of Sheila and father of Lesley and Katheryn, Grandfather of Joanne and Emily. The funeral service to be held on Friday 25 March at 2.30pm at The Parish Church of St Etheldreda, Cuffleborough. Followed by cremation at counties crematorium Milton. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation may be sent to Ann Bonham & Son Funeral Directors, 71 St Giles Street, Northampton NN1 1JF. Tel 0604 34365.

DEATHS

FOX- March 18th at home in Harrogate. Margaret Gibson Fox (Dr Margaret Hamilton) Dearly loved wife of Gerald. Much loved mother of Daisy and Eleanor. A loved mother in law. Step mother and grandmother. Service at Christ church Harrogate on Wednesday March 23rd at 2pm followed by private Interment. Flowers may be sent to Swainson Harrogate.

GRAY - Geoffrey Leicester, CMG, OBE on 11th March at Banham Manor Nursing Home very peacefully after a long illness which he bore with great courage, beloved husband to the late Penelope (née Townsend). He was for many years involved in the administration of North Borneo and will be sadly missed by the few remaining old Borneo 'hands'. Funeral service to be held at Chichester Crematorium on Tuesday 29th March at 12 noon.

HAMILTON- Dr Margaret (See Fox)

INCHCAPE - On 17th March 1994, Kenneth James William Mackay, Third Earl of Inchcape, beloved husband of Caroline, much loved father and grandfather. Funeral private at Gienaop. No flowers please but if desired donations to the Stroke Association, CHSA House, Whitecross Street, London EC1Y 8JJ. Details of memorial service to be announced at a later date.

JORDAN, RUTH (KIVITY) - On 17th March 1994. We will always love you. Nigsin, Oran and Sharon.

MILLER - On 17th March Suddenly in Hospital, Rose Elizabeth much beloved wife of Morris. Cremation at Golders Green on Thursday March 24, at 2.pm. Flowers may be sent to Leverton and Sons Ltd, 624 Finchley Road, NW11.

MOCKRIDGE - Philip James Nicholas, aged 73 died suddenly at his home in Ranworth, Norfolk on 17th March 1994. The most beloved husband, father and friend. Funeral service to be held at St Helen's, Ranworth at midday on Friday 25 March. No flowers please, donations to the British Heart Foundation.

DEATHS

STACEY - Reginald. On March 14th, 1994, at Cheltenham General Hospital, Reginald Stacey MBE, BA, of 11 Park House, Park Place, Cheltenham. Brother of Margery, uncle of Mike, Judy and Kathie and godfather of Keith and Neil. Served as Major RAPC, 1939-45. Treasurer Sheffield Hospital Management Committee, 1949-68. Funeral service at St Michaels Church, Abingdon, Oxon, on Monday, March 28th, at 11am, followed by committal at Oxford Crematorium. Inquires to P L Barrett, 81 Ock Street, Abingdon. Tel 0235 520606.

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Charities- 1. The Charities Aid Foundation Balanced Growth Fund
2. The Charities Aid Foundation Income Fund
The Commissioners propose to make Schemes for these charities. A copy of the draft Schemes can be seen at the registered office of the Charities Aid Foundation, 48 Pembury Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JD or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Albans House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting reference SPF-803.257CDO.cmd). Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELDHAUS Josaue, please get in contact with John Hopewell 81 Attorney at law. Call collect London 8043899983.

LEA. A service of Thanksgiving for Robert Hugh Gore Lea OBE will held at St Clements Danes Church, The Strand, on Wednesday March 23rd at 2.30. All will be welcome.

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OBITUARIES

THE EARL OF INCHCAPE

The Earl of Inchcape, chairman of P&O, 1973-83, and life president of Inchcape, the international motor and business services group, died on March 17 aged 76. He was born at Uckfield, Sussex, on December 27, 1917.



IN HIS years as chairman of P&O Lord Inchcape played a vital role in transporting part of the British task force the 8,000 miles to the Falkland Islands in 1982. Within hours of the Argentine invasion on April 2 Whitehall was talking to Inchcape. Margaret Thatcher was sending an amphibious force to the Falklands and speed was of the essence.

Two days later the Queen signed a requisition order for ships. Defence experts hurried off to board the P&O flagship, the 45,000-tonne liner *Canberra* and, as revellers enjoyed the closing days of a two-month world voyage, the defence men were busy measuring up the ship's decks for helicopter landing-pads. She was to transport 2,000 troops.

Signals flashed furiously round the P&O fleet. The powerful roll-on ferry *Elk* was called off the Middlesbrough-Gothenburg run and ordered to proceed full-speed-ahead to Southampton where she loaded 2,000 tonnes of ammunition. Seven hundred schoolchildren on educational voyages were brought home when the liner *Uganda* was ordered to turn around in the eastern Mediterranean and come alongside at Gibraltar to be fitted out as a hospital ship.

The war could not have happened at a worse moment for P&O, coming as it did at the beginning of the cruising season. More worrying was the fact that some 850 merchant seamen and civilian staff from the company were sailing with the fleet into the war zone. Nobody knew when, or if, they would be back.

But concerned though Inchcape was, he also found cause for pride in subsequent months. The company's North Sea ferry *Norland* was first into San Carlos Bay and made a safe withdrawal after landing troops. Then there was the triumphant return of *Canberra* to Southampton with its massive escort of small ships from the Needles. Inchcape hired a private plane to fly to RAF Culdrose and from there travelled by Sea King helicopter to join the ship off the Cornish coast. His voyage from there to Southampton was the longest he ever made as chairman of the company.

The famous family trading and shipping enterprises were originally created by Inchcape's grandfather, James Lyle Mackay, the first earl and one of the legendary figures of the Raj who had once been offered the post of Viceroy of India, to say nothing of the throne of Albania. Mackay was chairman of British India Steam Navigation, then the biggest British-owned shipping company in the world, which was merged with the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company (P&O) in 1911. As was the case with his grandson seventy years later, he played a vital role in transporting British troops during wartime — in his case the First World War. Within weeks of taking over as managing director of the P&O shipping company, he saw 24 of his ships sail from India to France carrying 30,000 officers and men. It was the biggest troop movement ever in one convoy.

After the first earl's death in 1932, the chairmanship of P&O passed to his son-in-law, Lord Craigmyle, while his son, the second Lord Inchcape, assumed chairmanship of the family's trading firms and was also a director and at one time deputy chairman of P&O. But the second earl was basically a countryman at heart and took less interest in the family business.

His son, the third Earl of Inchcape, showed his grandfather's early talent for making money. He was a quietly spoken man of short build with thick, curly hair; yet behind his quiet manner was a dogged toughness and a will to succeed. In his fifties he was director of some thirty companies with interests spread across the globe.

He was born Kenneth James William Mackay and was educated at Eton, where he was considered academic but was best remembered for skill in the Field Game. Encouraged by his maternal grandfather — Lord Justice Moriarty — he studied law at Trinity College, Cambridge, and at the age of 22 he succeeded to the earldom.

On the outbreak of the Second World War Inchcape joined the mechanised cavalry regiment, the 12th Lancers. The regiment found itself at the sharp end of things at Dunkirk, holding a 40-mile line against the German advance, and Inchcape was one of the last to wade into the water and board one of the small boats that formed the bulk of the rescue operation. Lord Gort, VC, Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force, said afterwards: "Without the 12th Lancers the bulk of the Army would not have got away from Dunkirk."

Inchcape next saw active service as a squadron commander in Italy with the 27th Lancers — a temporary regiment, split off from the 12th in 1941 and placed under the command of the colourful Sir Andrew Horsbrugh-Porter. Its task was to be a crack mechanised unit which could operate effectively in different theatres of war.

The regiment's move to Italy started badly. The troopship was no sooner at sea than the food was found to be contaminated by rotten potatoes. It was scant rations all the way. "Much worse than that," recalled the regimental padre, subsequently a bishop, who shared a cabin with Inchcape. "Kenneth would wake up at dawn and field me deep theological questions. I don't mind that sort of thing, of course, but not at dawn."

After the war he was part of the British military mission in Vienna for a year when the four Allied Powers shared the running of the city. On being demobbed in 1946 Inchcape went to India for several years to reorganise the family trading and shipping business. There he had a spectacular business coup, turning agencies across Asia into a partnership in a way which secured the flow of profits back to England. Within a few years, changed political circumstances would have made the same arrangement impossible to negotiate.

Back home in 1958 he brought most of the family businesses — including shipping, insurance broking, merchant banking, tea and rubber plantations and investment trusts — together as Inchcape and Co. and was made its first chairman. He had already been made a director of P&O in 1951.

By the 1960s both companies were facing a crisis. Aeroplanes were taking the customers from passenger ships and the age of container ships had arrived for freight. The then P&O chairman, Sir Donald Anderson, argued that Inchcape should sell some of his family companies to P&O in an effort to streamline operations.

Possibly he would have done so had Anderson not tried, simultaneously, to suggest that Inchcape retire once the sale had gone through. Infuriated, Inchcape resolved instead to become chairman of P&O as his grandfather had done before him. The opportunity did not arise until 1973 when, ironically, he was proposed by the then-retired Anderson.

The move came about as the result of a lengthy disagreement between Inchcape and the board of P&O. In 1972 P&O made a takeover bid for Bovis, the construction firm. Inchcape objected to the terms of the P&O proposal and promptly launched his own Inchcape takeover bid for P&O. The Bovis merger attempt was eventually defeated and the Inchcape bid also withdrawn but, as a result of the defeated Bovis bid, the chairmanship of P&O had fallen vacant.

Inchcape was the natural candidate to step into the breach and, on becoming chairman of P&O, quietly took over Bovis in 1974 at one fifth of the cost of the original 1972 proposal.

As chairman, he invited several younger directors onto the board, men of wider experience than shipping and trade who could help the company with its plans to diversify. One of the new men who came on the board at that time was Lord Sterling, the present chairman.

The House of Lords never interested Inchcape much. He was 36 years a member before making his maiden speech on the need to keep shipping charts up-to-date. This was at a time when the Government was proposing cuts and there was anxiety that heavy-laden tankers might hit the sea bed and break up, so endangering the local wildlife.

He did, however, love to entertain. For many years he held a garden party for officers of the Lancers in his splendid house in Regent's Park. But when things went wrong he could lose his sense of humour. There was the time he threw a ball for young members of his family at Glenapp Castle, the 15,000-acre family estate bought by the first earl, in Ayrshire. It was to be a memorable affair. Guests were ferried by plane from London and grouse was provided from Inchcape's shoot in Angus. But early in the evening lights all over the castle fused. Electricians were summoned but could not help and the village store had few candles. Though his guests still thought the event a great success — the young dancing on till dawn and the older guests having the gossip of their lives in the comfort of deep sofas — Inchcape was inconsolable afterwards. Having a breakdown of the lighting was not how he liked to run things.

Sport interested him, especially fox-hunting in the Shires over the formidably fenced Fernie country. He was not a natural or elegant horseman but somehow contrived to keep his seat and keep up with hounds. He took great pride in the international dressage centre set up by his second wife, an international dressage rider, at his last home Addington Manor, Buckinghamshire.

He was always fascinated by religion. His mother was a Roman Catholic and Inchcape was brought up in the faith until going to prep school. He then became an Anglican for over 30 years (his grandfather, a strict Presbyterian, would have no Catholics in the business) before being readmitted into the Roman Catholic Church in a private ceremony at Westminster Cathedral in 1963.

Inchcape was twice married: first, in 1941, to Aline Hannay, from whom he obtained a divorce in 1954 and by whom he had two sons and one daughter; secondly, in 1965 to Caroline Cholmeley Harrison. They had two sons and adopted one son. His elder son from his first marriage, Viscount Glenapp, now succeeds to the earldom.

SISTER MARY PERPETUA

Sister Mary Perpetua, OBE, Daughter of the Cross and hospital administrator, died on March 11 aged 80. She was born on September 18, 1913.



SISTER MARY PERPETUA was one of the most able administrators in private nursing of her day, and the driving-force behind the building of a remarkably progressive private hospital — St Anthony's in North Cheam, Surrey — in the 1970s. A tall, dignified woman with a deceptively gentle manner, she proved, during the fund-raising and building stages of the project, to be a formidable businesswoman.

One of three hospitals run in this country by the Daughters of the Cross, St Anthony's first opened its doors to a handful of patients in 1904, though its premises — initially a converted coaching inn — were replaced by a large new building in 1914. By the late 1960s this was decaying fast and had either to be rebuilt or scrapped altogether. At first the National Health Service, which then filled most of St Anthony's beds, promised to help with funding for a modern 300-bed facility on the same site.

It came as a great disappointment to Sister Mary Perpetua, St Anthony's senior administrator, when the local health authority decided to discontinue its contractual arrangements with the hospital before construction commenced. Given the changed circumstances, she decided to go ahead on her own and erect a much smaller 92-bed hospital funded entirely by private donations.

For the design of the new building, she toured Europe and America by jet to study existing hospital models. She had in her mind the vision of a hospital where all patients would have private bedrooms and bathrooms (a new concept in private nursing) and where automated features such as monorails and conveyor belts would save nurses valuable time, freeing them to concentrate on patients.

The closest she found to her ideal was in St Louis, in a building designed by Gordon Friesen, a progressive thinker in hospital planning. Friesen agreed to draw up plans for the new St Anthony's (he thought her ideas were actually ahead of his) and, on her return to Cheam, Sister Mary Perpetua set about raising the £3½ million needed for its building through pledges from local businessmen and ex-patients. The new hospital opened triumphantly in 1975.

Sister Mary Perpetua was born Hannah Callaghan, the fourth of five daughters of a Manchester engineer, and educated locally by the Notre Dame nuns before briefly entering the family business. At the age of 23 she joined the Roman Catholic Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross, a nursing and teaching order founded in Belgium in 1833.

Her exceptional administrative gifts were spotted early and led to a senior post at the order's Holy Cross Hospital in Haslemere, Surrey. She joined St Anthony's in the early 1950s and built it up into a major health care provider for the local community with a flourishing nursing school, becoming the vice-chairman of the hospital's board of management. She was also Superior of the religious community there, the order having its convent in the hospital grounds.

Her last challenge came in 1985 when she raised the money to build a hospice which the local authorities had no hope of being able to afford. St Raphael's opened two years later, after some high-profile publicity stunts on her part, such as running through Hyde Park in her habit with Jimmy Savile for *The Sunday Times*'s "Fun Run" in 1986 and being interviewed on *Wogan*. Sister Mary Perpetua was appointed OBE for her services to health care in 1988. She continued to inspire hospital staff with her kindness till the end.

LORD NUGENT OF GUILDFORD

Lord Nugent of Guildford, Conservative MP for Guildford, 1950-66, and a former junior minister at Agriculture and at Transport, died on March 16 aged 86. He was born on June 6, 1907.



RICHARD NUGENT'S career, first as a member of the Commons then in the Lords, was an old-fashioned example of traditional, public-spirited Conservatism. It was his fate most widely to be recalled for his role in the Crichel Down affair of 1954, in which, along with Lord Carrington, he offered his resignation — only to have it refused by the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill — but, in fact, his own politics were rooted firmly in the English countryside and the proper use of land. His brand of paternalist Toryism subsequently found its fulfilment in the work he did as chairman of the Thames Conservancy Board and, for five years, as chairman of the National Water Council. He was also an early advocate of the compulsory use of car seat-belts and a tireless campaigner for stricter controls against pornography. His may not have been a glittering public career but it was certainly a useful one.

George Richard Hodges Nugent was the son of a Royal Artillery colonel. He was educated at the Imperial Service College, Windsor, and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1926. He stayed in the Army, however, for only three years and soon took up farming and poultry breeding in Surrey, becoming a member of the executive council of the National Farmers Union in 1944 and vice-chairman of the National Federation of Young Farmers in 1948.

Elected Conservative MP for Guildford in 1950, his appointment as joint parliamentary under-secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on the formation of the Churchill Government in October 1951 was, therefore, an appropriate one. Although he had been an MP for only just over 18 months, he was not without political experience, having served on the Surrey County Council, 1944-51, latterly as an alderman.

In those days, before the advent of fishing conflicts and the complexities caused by British membership of the European Union, "the Min of Ag and Fish" was usually looked upon as a placid berth (indeed, more cynical politicians tended to regard it as merely a branch office of the NFU). Dick Nugent and Peter Carrington were also fortunate in having as their ministerial chief a highly popular old-world Tory, Sir Thomas Dugdale, whose political experience went back to being parliamentary private secretary to Stanley Baldwin at the time of the Abdication in 1936.

At first the storm-cloud which was eventually to blow Dugdale's ministerial career away hardly looked threatening. In 1937 the Air Ministry had compulsorily acquired some land near Crichel in Dorset as an experimental bomb site. In 1950 the Air Ministry decided it had no further use for the land and in normal circumstances it would simply have been offered back for re-purchase to its original owners or their heirs. In this case, however, the Ministry of Agriculture intervened and decided that, since the land was already Crown property, it would like to retain it. The initial decision in favour of retention was taken by a Labour minister, Tom Williams, but his Conservative successor continued stoutly to defend it. Such was the outcry, however, that eventually an enquiry under a QC was set up which found firmly against the ministry and in favour of the daughter of the original owner. The enquiry's report was also fiercely critical of a number of named civil servants and, under the old doctrine of ministerial responsibility, Sir Thomas Dugdale honourably felt he had no alternative but to resign.

That left his two junior ministers in an awkward position. Nugent was the first to recognise their dilemma and insisted on submitting his resignation to the Prime Minister — Lord Carrington, on learning of his intention, decided to follow suit. They both got letters back from Churchill telling them in effect not to make a fuss about nothing. But, at a time when a stricter moral code governed public life than it does today, neither of them regarded that as adequate. They asked to see the Prime Minister and, only on his agreement that the correspondence could be published, did they consent to withdraw their resignations. (The irony, as Carrington was later to point out, was that Nugent at least had nothing with which to reproach himself: he had spotted the danger signals long before either of his ministerial colleagues.)

Fortunately, the episode was not allowed to blight his career. When Harold Macmillan became Prime Minister in January 1957 he gave Nugent a new job at the Ministry of Transport, if only at the equivalent under-secretary level. He was to stay there happily for more than two years before retiring to the back benches after the October 1959 election with the then traditional baronetcy. More surprising perhaps was the life peerage that Nugent was given after leaving the Commons in 1966 but, even if this was above the scale for retired under-secretaries, he was certainly to justify it.

In addition to his work on behalf of the nation's rivers — he was one of the first to predict that salmon would one day be seen again in the Thames — his highly active political retirement included a short spell as chairman of the Royal Automobile Club and a longer period as president of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. He was also a dedicated churchman, sitting on the Guildford Diocesan Synod for nearly a quarter of a century and playing an active part in the various financial appeals that led to the completion of Guildford Cathedral in 1961. In addition, he filled an energetic role in the 1966 foundation of the University of Surrey on its site across from the cathedral on Stag Hill.

For nearly twenty years (1962-81) he was also chairman of the Standing Conference on London and Southeast Regional Planning. It was a period which saw a great deal of economic and social change: threats to the green belt, the decline in manufacturing industry and the challenge of finding new uses for the docklands of East London (to say nothing of the transport revolution symbolised by the coming of the M25 and the endless disputes over a third London airport). Nugent presided over all the debates, as he also did in his capacity as a deputy speaker in the House of Lords, with the calmness and geniality that was always part of his stock-in-trade. Not renowned as the most fulsome of mortals, Lord Carrington refers to him in his memoirs as "one of the most charming of men I have been lucky enough to know".

Richard Nugent leaves a widow, Ruth. They had no children and there is no heir to the baronetcy.

LAWRENCE SPIVAK

Lawrence Spivak, who pioneered the inquisition of politicians on television, died in Washington on March 9 aged 93. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, on June 11, 1900.

FROM the moment in 1948 he launched NBC's *Meet the Press* — now the longest-running programme on United States television — Lawrence Spivak concentrated on asking hard, direct questions, establishing an approach to the interviewing of public figures which subsequently crossed the Atlantic.

"Television has an awesome facility for showing up sincerity as well as insincerity," Spivak once said. "So, if a man is honest and knows his stuff, he'll emerge with his proper stature. By the same token, so will a phoney."

It was an aggressive, waspish approach, often more reminiscent of a prosecuting counsel than a journalist, but Spivak always remained in calm control of his interviews and the results were sometimes spectacular. It was on *Meet the Press* in 1948 that Alger Hiss was first accused by Whitaker Chambers of being a Communist — the beginning of what was to become a decade of investigations into alleged political subversion.

Through the 27 years that Spivak acted as moderator and panellist on *Meet the Press*, until his retirement in 1975, the programme's guestlist became an international *Who's Who* of the world's great and famous. Eleanor Roosevelt, Jawaharal Nehru, Emperor Haile Selassie, Fidel Castro, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Konrad Adenauer and John F. Kennedy all volunteered to subject themselves to Spivak's searching questions.

Educated at Harvard where, in spite of his stature of five foot three inches, his main passion was boxing, Lawrence Edmund Spivak began his career on the business side of broadcast journalism, starting *Meet the Press* as a radio programme on the Mutual Broadcasting System. Three years after the show's transition to television, it was being described by Jack Gould, the *New York Times* critic, as "easily the most provocative discussion show on the air".

Lawrence Spivak was widowed in 1983 after 59 years of marriage. He is survived by one son.

Church appointments

The Rev David Dadswell, Anglican Chaplain to Brunel University (London): to be Vicar, St Jude, Cantril Farm (Liverpool).

The Rev Nicholas Davis, Team Vicar, Catford (Southend) and Downham Team Ministry: to be Vicar, St Philip and St Mark, Camberwell (Southwark).

The Rev Mark Fitzwilliams, Team Rector, Beaconsfield Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Hambleden Valley group ministry (Oxford).

The Rev Brian Formum, Vicar, St Peter and St Paul, Shorne: to be Priest-in-charge, Speldhurst w Groombridge and Ashurst (Rochester).

The Rev Anthony Gardiner, Curate, Highcliffe w Hinton Admiral (Winchester): to be Vicar, North Creedy Team Ministry (Exeter).

The Rev Gerald Gould, Priest-in-charge, Crook Peak: to be Rector, Crook Peak (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Andrew Greamy, Vicar, All Saints, Hessle (York): to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary the Less, Cambridge (Ely).

The Rev Thomas Heggs, Vicar, Upwell and Outwell: to be Priest-in-charge, Yaxley (Ely).

The Rev James Heslop, Team Rector, Howden Team Ministry (York): to be Warden of the College of St Barnabas, Lingfield (Southwark).

The Rev Canon Stanley Hind, Vicar, Womersley and Kirk Smeaton (Wakefield): to be a Canon Emeritus of Wakefield Cathedral on his retirement on May 31.

The Rev Charmaine Host, formerly Curate, Westwood, Coventry: now Associate Minister, St Margaret's, Whitnash, Leamington Spa (Coventry).

The Rev Nigel John, Curate, St Peter, Carmarthen (St David's): to be Chaplain of Whitelands College and Anglican Chaplain to the Roehampton Institute (Southwark).

The Rev Eric Lewis, Assistant Curate, Weymouth St Paul's: to be Priest-in-charge, St John the Baptist, Portland (Salisbury).

The Rev David Lund, Assistant Curate, St Andrew, Maghull: to be Vicar, All Saints, Rimdley (Liverpool).

The Rev Phillip Nixon, Vicar, Goring w South Stoke: to be *also* Rural Dean of Henley (Oxford).

The Rev Michael Pearman, Curate, St Mary's, Greasley, Nottingham (Southwell): to be Priest-in-charge, St James's, Whitley, Coventry, and Diocesan Stewardship Adviser (Coventry).

The Rev Debbie Pearman, Curate, St Mary's, Greasley, Nottingham (Southwell): to be licensed to help in the parish of St James's, Whitley, Coventry (Coventry).

The Rev Christine Pollard, Curate, St John the Evangelist, Ingrow, Keighley (Bradford): to be Associate Minister, St Nicholas's, Nuneaton (Coventry).

The Rev Joanna Ray, Deacon (NSM), St Mary, Knighton: to be Diocesan Chaplain Among Deaf People, Holy Spirit Team Ministry (Leicester).

The Rev David Reindorp, Vicar, Waterbeach and Rector, Landbeach: to be *also* Rural Dean of Quy (Ely).

The Rev Ken Rowlands, Associate Vicar, All Saints, Stoneycroft: to be Vicar, St Barnabas, Mossley Hill (Liverpool).

The Rev James Scott, licensed to officiate, Brembill w Foxham and Hilmarton: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), Derry Hill, Bremhill and Foxham (Salisbury).

The Rev Michael Stear, Minister, St Paul's Chapel, Jersey (St Helier) (Winchester): to be Team Rector, Radipole and Melcombe Regis Team Ministry (Salisbury).

The Rev Dr Michael Wadsworth, Vicar, Haddenham and Wilburton: to be *also* Rural Dean of Ely (Ely).

The Rev Canon Sydney Willcox, Team Rector, Cockermouth w Embleton and Wythop, and Rural Dean of Derwent (Carlisle): to be Team Rector, Chalke Valley Team Ministry (Salisbury).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev David Baxter, Team Rector, Becontree West Team Ministry (Chelmsford): to resign as from April 30.

The Rev David Bazen, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Alban and St Patrick, Bordesley (Birmingham): resigned as from February 7.

The Rev Michael Bryant, Vicar, St Alban and St Patrick, Brodesley (Birmingham): resigned as from February 28.

The Rev John Catlin, Team Vicar, St Chad, Kirkby (Liverpool): to resign as from April 30.

The Rev Canon John Cooke, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Leamington Spa and Old Milverton, and an Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral (Coventry): to retire as from the end of July.

The Rev John Corke, Rector, Hampton Lucy w Charlecote and Loxley (Coventry): to retire as from the end of July.

The Rev Louis Coulson, Vicar, Hartland w Welcombe (Exeter): to resign as from April 30.

The Rev Brian Doolan, Vicar, St Oswald's, Tile Hill, Coventry (Coventry): to resign as from the end of April.

The Rev Paul Holt, Incumbent, Blackwell Heath (Oxford): to resign as from May 9.

The Rev Robin Noise, Vicar, Alveston (Coventry): retired at end of February.

The Rev Canon Peter Sertin, Team Rector, Canford Magna Team Ministry (Salisbury): to retire as from July 31.

The Rev Humphrey Squire, Team Vicar, Wareham Team Ministry (Salisbury): to retire as from September 11.

The Rev Canon Peter Tong, Rector, Bedworth, and an Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral (Coventry): to retire as from the end of April.

The Rev Geoffrey Watts, Rector, Ogwell, and Rector, Denbury (Exeter): to resign as from April 1.

The Rev Ralph Wilkins, Priest-in-charge, Milborne St Andrew w Dewlish: Piddletrenthide w Plush, Alton Pacras and Piddlehinton: Puddletown and Tolpuddle (Salisbury): to retire as from July 31.

THE QUEEN AT OLYMPIA.

On Saturday morning the Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, Prince Henry of Battenberg, and the children of the Duke of Connaught, and the Duchess of Albany, was present at a private performance of the Paris Hippodrome now appearing at the National Agricultural Hall, Kensington. The entertainment was specially arranged for the occasion, and no one excepting the royal party and a few of the directors was present. The occasion was the more notable from the fact that it is something over 20 years since Her Majesty has been present at a similar entertainment. The Royal party arrived at the private entrance to the hall punctually at 11 o'clock. Their advent was loudly cheered by a moderate crowd, and the Queen, having alighted, was received by the Earl of Lathom, chairman of the National Agricultural Hall Company, Mr. Herbert Waterlow, Major Duncan Baillie, and Mr. W. Arminie Bevan, managing directors, by whom she was escorted to a dais specially erected for the occasion in the centre of the first promenade. The performance immediately commenced, and the ten events selected out of the extensive *repertoire* of the Hippodrome were gone through without a moment's interval. Her Majesty, who appeared to be in excellent health and spirits, wore a gown of black foulard and point lace, with a cloak trimmed with chinchilla. On either side of the Queen sat Prince Henry of Battenberg and the Princess Beatrice, while Colonel Carington, Major Bigge, and the Countess of Erroll were in attendance. The entire performance was closely watched by the Queen, who seemed greatly interested in the splendid feats of horsemanship exhibited, and more than once signified her approval by clapping hands. The quaint performance of the well-trained elephants "Jock" and "Jenny" was also appreciated by the Royal party, the Queen laughing heartily at their clumsy agility. On the conclusion of the entertainment, which lasted one hour, Mr. Frederick S. Vincent, secretary to the National Agricultural Hall Company, M. Houcke, director of the Paris Hippodrome, and M. Schneegaus were presented to the Queen, and M. Houcke had the honour of conducting Her Majesty and suite round the harness rooms and stables. The Queen traversed the entire range of buildings on foot, declining the use of a bath chair which had been specially provided, and several times paused to note various features of interest. At the elephants' den Her Majesty conversed with Mr. Lockhart, the trainer, and fed the animals; while at the lions' cage she was handed a young lion, ten days old, which she took in her arms and caressed. Before leaving the building the Queen accepted a bouquet from Mdlle. Ciniselli, one of the principal riders, on behalf of the ladies of the company, and expressed herself greatly pleased with the arrangements made. Her Majesty also expressed a wish that photographs of the hall and stables might be sent to her, and complimented M. Houcke on his excellent management of the Hippodrome. On leaving, the Royal party were loudly cheered by a big crowd, which had collected outside. *-Observer.*

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After watching this display of animal skills, Queen Victoria went back stage, inspected the harness rooms and stables, declined the offer of a bath chair, fed some elephants and cuddled a ten-day-old lion.

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■ Rarely in the 252 years since it was founded has a regimental band of the Coldstream Guards performed in such unusual circumstances.

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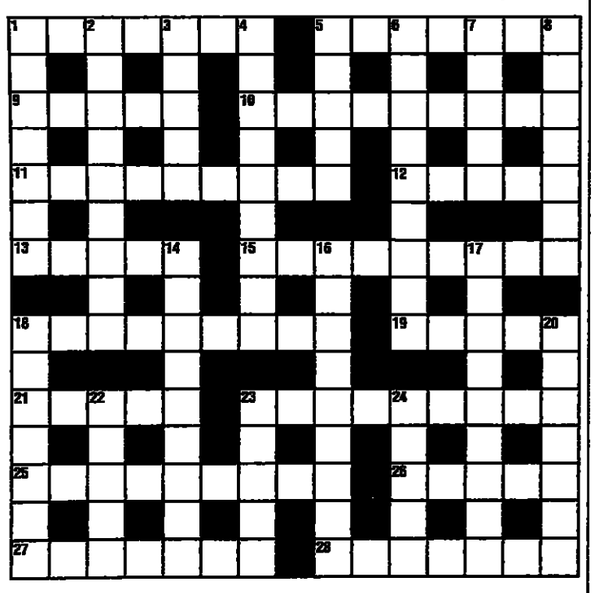
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: St Helier, Jersey, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, -1C (30F); highest rainfall: Aviemore, Highland, 0.15in. highest sunshine: Bournemouth, 9.3hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain, turning to sleet or snow for a time this morning in many northern and central areas. The rain will gradually die out in most parts. Southern Scotland may have some rain, sleet or snow for a time, but central and northern Scotland should be drier and brighter. This evening further rain will spread into western parts. Any rain and sleet over Northern Ireland will clear away this morning. There could be some brightness before further rain spreads from the west later this afternoon.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands:** Cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Becoming drier later, perhaps some brighter spells. Wind variable light to moderate, becoming west. Max 9C to 11C (48F to 52F).

☐ **E England, NW England, Lake District, Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee:** Outbreaks of rain, sleet or snow. Becoming drier but staying cloudy and misty. Wind southeast light to moderate. Max 6C to 8C (43F to 46F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England:** Mainly cloudy. Patchy rain or drizzle. Wind northwest becoming southwest, fresh to strong. Max 11C (52F).

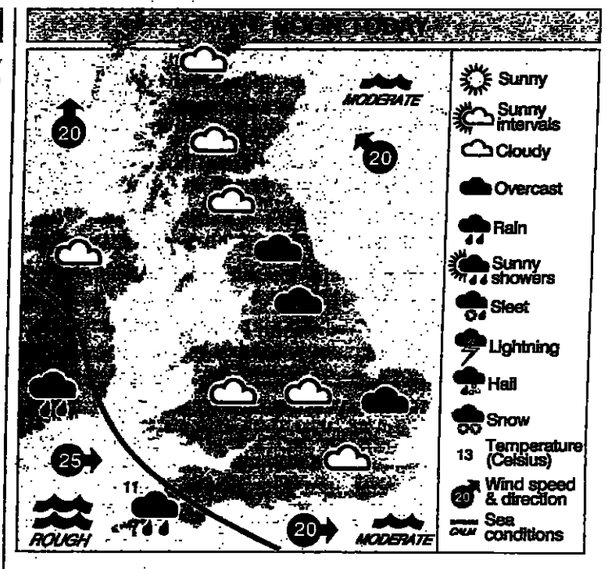
☐ **S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** Outbreaks of rain, sleet or snow. Becoming drier, but rain spreading from the west later. Wind becoming southwest strong. Max 7C to 10C (45F to 50F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney:** Mainly dry. Bright, perhaps sunny, spells. Wind southeast moderate, becoming south strong to gale. Max 6C (43F).

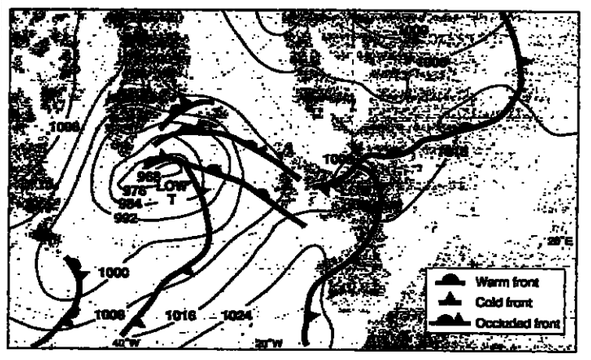
☐ **Shetland:** Bright or sunny spells. Scattered showers this morning. Wind becoming south strong. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Outlook:** Rain at times, but becoming drier in the south.

WEATHER TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: Low G will move southeast and fill. Low T will move northeast with little change of pressure



MIDDAY t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.6	-	6	43	s	London	8.1	0.23	10	50	s
Anglesey	8.2	0.07	8	46	s	Lowestoft	5.7	0.26	9	48	b
Aspatria	7.9	0.02	7	45	h	Manchester	6.3	0.15	7	45	b
Aviemore	4.8	0.02	5	41	sn	Margate	6.4	0.16	10	50	s
Belfast	4.3	0.04	6	43	h	Minehead	9.2	0.31	11	52	s
Birmingham	6.5	0.24	9	48	b	Morecambe	8.0	0.04	7	45	s
Bognor R	8.4	0.10	11	52	s	Newcastle	9.7	0.01	9	48	sh
Bournem'th	8.1	0.15	11	52	s	Newquay	X				
Bristol	9.2	0.19	10	50	s	Norwich	7.3	0.29	8	46	b
Buxton	6.6	0.58	5	41	b	Nottingham	7.0	0.17	7	45	b
Cardiff	9.2	0.39	9	48	s	Penzance	-	0.21	9	48	sh
Clacton	4.1	0.29	9	48	b	Plymouth	0.5	0.20	9	48	c
Cleethorpes	X					Poole	7.6	0.12	11	52	s
Colwyn Bay	8.3	0.27	7	45	s	Ross-o-wye	8.1	0.08	10	50	s
Cromer	9.2	0.33	8	46	s	Ryde	X				
Dunbar	X					Scarcombe	-	0.09	11	52	c
Eastbourne	7.6	0.17	11	52	s	Sandown	7.4	0.16	11	52	b
Edinburgh	9.2	0.02	8	46	sh	Saunton Snd	8.5	0.34	8	46	s
Eskdalemuir	9.7	0.01	6	43	sn	Scarboro'	X				
Exmouth	7.0	0.09	10	50	b	Scilly Isles	-	0.17	8	46	r
Falmouth	X	0.11	9	48	c	Shanklin	X	0.24	10	50	s
Folkestone	8.4	0.11	11	52	s	Skegness	X				
Glasgow	8.9	0.01	8	46	sn	Southend	4.8	0.19	10	50	s
Guernsey	-	0.25	12	54	r	Southport	8.3	0.09	7	45	s
Hastings	8.0	0.14	12	54	s	Southsea	8.3	0.13	11	52	s
Herne Bay	7.2	0.10	9	48	b	Stornoway	2.3	0.18	5	41	sn
Hove	X					Swanage	7.2	0.10	11	52	b
Hunstanton	8.1	0.27	7	45	s	Teignmouth	6.5	0.07	11	52	b
Isle of Man	7.2	-	7	45	b	Tenby	9.0	0.13	9	48	s
Jersey	-	0.22	10	50	r	Tiree	6.4	0.04	6	43	sn
Kinloss	1.7	0.06	5	41	sn	Torquay	2.4	0.11	11	52	b
Leeds	9.8	0.02	9	48	s	Tynemouth	9.2	-	8	46	sn
Lerwick	1.3	0.23	1	34	sn	Ventnor	7.0	0.17	11	52	s
Leuchars	X					West-s-mare	9.3	X	10	50	s
Littlehmptn	8.1	0.12	11	52	s	Weymouth	8.0	0.10	10	50	s
Liverpool	7.8	0.10	6	43	s	Wick	X				

Ajaccio	17	63	s	C'phagn	2	36	s	Madrid	16	61	s
Alicante	20	68	s	Corfu	16	61	c	Majorca	19	66	s
Alex'dria	19	66	f	Dublin	7	45	r	Malaga	23	73	s
Algiers	25	77	s	Dubrovnik	17	63	f	Malta	17	63	s
Amst'dm	7	45	s	Faro	17	63	s	Melb'rne	20	68	s
Athens	18	64	s	Florence	18	64	f	Miami	30	86	s
Bahrain	23	73	s	Frankfurt	7	45	f	Milan	17	63	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Funchal	17	63	f	Montreal	-1	30	f
Barbados	29	84	c	Geneva	11	52	c	Moscow	2	36	c
Barcelona	16	61	s	Gibraltar	19	66	s	Munich	2	36	c
Beirut	18	64	s	Helsinki	-1	30	c	Nairobi	25	79	f
Belgrade	17	63	f	Hong K	20	68	f	Naples	15	59	c
Berlin	5	41	c	Innsbruck	9	48	f	N Delhi	32	90	f
Bermuda	18	64	r	Istanbul	12	54	s	N York	4	39	s
Biarritz	14	57	c	Jeddah	37	88	s	Nice	15	59	s
Borde'x	13	55	c	Jo'burg	21	70	c	Oslo	1	34	s
Brussels	8	46	s	Karachi	-	--		Paris	8	46	c
Budapst	6	43	f	L.Palmas	20	68	s	Peking	11	52	f
B Aires	26	77	f	Le Tquet	8	46	f	Perth	30	86	c
Cairo	21	70	f	Lisbon	18	61	f	Prague	6	43	f
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Locarno	16	61	s	Reykjavik	-6	21	f
Chicago	7	45	s	L.Angels	14	57	c	Rhodes	18	64	s
Ch'church	10	50	r	Luxembg	4	39	c	Rio de J	35	95	f
Cologne	7	45	f	Luxor	29	84	s	Riyadh	24	75	f

Rome	16	61	f	Salzburg	3	37	r	Stockholm	2	36	c
Strasb'rg	11	52	s	Sydney	21	70	c	Tangier	17	63	c
Tel Aviv	29	68	s	Tenerife	21	70	c	Tokyo	12	54	r
Toronto	-6	21	s	Tunis	26	79	s	Valencia	17	63	c
Vanc'ver	5	41	r	Venice	14	57	c	Vienna	8	46	f
Warsaw	3	37	sn	Wash'ton	8	46	s	Wellington	14	57	c
Zurich	8	46	r								

X = not available

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.12	5.81	7.34	5.69	Liverpool	4.33	7.19	5.25	7.01
Aberdeen	7.14	3.26	8.06	3.23	Lowestoft	3.23	2.02	3.46	2.05
Avonmouth	—	—	12.23	9.46	Margate	5.26	3.86	6.02	3.83
Belfast	4.52	2.96	5.31	2.80	Milford Haven	11.56	4.94	—	—
Cardiff	—	—	12.06	8.90	Newquay	10.55	5.1	11.39	5.1
Devonport	11.17	4.1	11.53	4.3	Oban	11.55	2.7	—	—
Dover	4.19	5.15	5.12	5.03	Penzance	10.34	4.1	11.13	4.3
Falmouth	10.47	3.8	11.23	4.1	Portland	11.33	1.2	—	—
Glasgow	6.16	4.0	7.02	3.8	Portsmouth	4.35	3.8	5.31	3.7
Harwich	5.00	3.17	5.30	3.05	Shoreham	4.15	4.72	5.21	4.56
Holyhead	3.56	4.30	4.52	4.17	Southampton	4.33	3.70	5.28	3.61
Hull	11.46	5.61	—	—	Swansea	—	—	12.19	6.99
Ilfracombe	11.40	8.55	—	—	Tees	9.43	4.14	10.26	4.13
King's Lynn	11.58	4.7	—	—	Wilton-on-Nze	5.02	3.35	5.31	3.23
Leith	8.27	4.23	9.06	4.22					

Sun rises: 6.02 am
Sun sets: 6.15 pm
Moon rises 11.12 am
Moon sets 2.24 am

London 6.15 pm to 6.02 am
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Edinburgh 6.26 pm to 6.13 am
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MONDAY MARCH 21 1994

Fast bowlers tighten West Indies' grip on Georgetown Test

Ambrose torments England

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

IT WAS with a hollow inevitability, within a ground echoing its indifference, that England subsided towards a lost Test match and a lost cause here yesterday. Unless the weather rescues them tomorrow, their prospects in this series may extend only to restricting the margin of failure.

This was a weekend of embarrassingly one-sided cricket, redeemed only by the delights of a wondrous century from Brian Lara. England's bowling was wretched: an international attack can seldom have been so bereft of basic disciplines and inspiration. The certainty that it would look so different once the West Indians had a ball in their hands only exaggerated its depressing ineptitude.

Different it surely was. Curtly Ambrose, towering above the opposition in every sense, exploited the vagaries in the pitch that England had somehow failed to locate. His first over accounted for Michael Atherton and, with the captain, went the plausibility of an escape from a first-innings deficit of 234.

Saturday had belonged to Lara and if this, too, bore the mark of predictability, it was at least compulsive viewing. His 167 was scored in little more than four hours. It included 112 in boundaries, the scope and placement of the shots quite breathtaking. It was difficult to believe this was only his second Test century yet he now averages over 50 and his genius is such that his average may never fall below that rarefied mark.

Lara occasionally adopted his most quizzical, blinking, little-boy look as if wondering whether this really could be Test match bowling he was treating with such contempt. He has a triple-century in his sights during this series and it says everything about his opportunity to do it here that England were eventually relieved to settle for 167.

The crowd, Georgetown's biggest for a Test day in many years, enjoyed Lara but it was not him they had come to see. Indeed, bizarrely, while Lara departed to a considerable ovation, the next man arrived to a tumult. Shivnarine Chanderpaul is the people's champion and, for almost three hours, they excitedly lived his every stroke.

Chanderpaul, whose father is a fisherman, was taken out of school at 14 to focus on his cricket. The school evidently did not object, for they cut out a pitch on the playground and it became Chanderpaul's pitch. There, every day from dawn to dusk, the prodigy would bat and bat against anyone willing to bowl at him. At 19, he is young in years but not in batting, and his temperament withstood the fierce weight of expectation.

Salisbury emerged with his wicket and three more but also bowled too much dross. How much more effective he might have been with Phil Tufnell in tandem as a restraining factor and, to the four left-handers, a positive threat, pitching into the rough outside their off-stump. But, not for the first time on tour, the wrong team was chosen here and England have had to pay for it, plainly indicted by their use of Mark Ramprakash, who took one first-class wicket last year, for 15 overs of off spin.

Angus Fraser remains a willing workhorse but he is not the same bowler without Devon Malcolm. Thankfully, Malcolm is to rejoin the party tomorrow and should be available for the last two Tests, though the interest may be merely academic by then. Casting Chris Lewis in the Malcolm role was a straw-clutching exercise, as this game has shown, and Alan Igglesden's county reputation for accuracy has not stopped him spraying either side of the target as culpably as everyone else.

The mood of malaise extends even to Jack Russell, who had the sort of Saturday likely to send him to a darkened room. After three missed chances, he will not have been wholly consoled by yesterday's two straightforward catches off Lewis to rid England of Ambrose and Ken Benjamin.

Jimmy Adams shepherded the tail but, unlike in Kingston, he did not survive them and was last out as the West Indies score reached a ground record against England of 556. Until Igglesden found the line, and the low bounce, to dismiss Adams leg-before for 137, this neat, economical and unflappable man had batted more than 12 hours against England without being out.

In Kingston, he was one of three left-handers who aggregated 304; here, one of three who made 366. England's problems are many but their inability to cope with the shift of angle is among the most acute.

Rain delayed the start of England's innings, though not by nearly as much as they would have chosen. Atherton, having survived 295 balls in the first innings, this time survived only three before Ambrose bowled him off the face of a bat still descending in defence. It was a brilliantly executed fast bowler's wicket, eminently worthy of Ambrose's 200th in Tests.

Ten overs later, Ramprakash's unhappy game was completed by an unplayable shooter, again from Ambrose, and although Alec Stewart played with nonchalance, reaching 50 from 64 balls, the gathering grey clouds were England's more realistic hope. Ambrose returned refreshed after tea to take the crucial wicket of Smith, caught at second slip from a ball of impeccable line.

Graeme Hick was struck a fearful blow on the elbow by Ken Benjamin and, plainly distracted, was bowled next ball.

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GRAHAM CHADWICK

Atherton looks down in despair after being bowled by Ambrose in Georgetown yesterday

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Play the selection game today with the First Class XI competition. See page 30

SCORECARD

ENGLAND: First Innings 322 (M A Atherton 144, R A Smith 84; C E L Ambrose 4 for 58).

Second Innings

*M A Atherton b Ambrose (5min, 4 balls)	0
A J Stewart not out (108min, 66 balls, 9 fours)	64
M R Ramprakash b Ambrose (41 min, 27 balls, fours)	5
R A Smith c Richardson b Ambrose (83 min, 52 balls, 2 fours)	24
G A Hick b K C G Benjamin (8 min, 5 balls, 1 four)	5
G P Thorpe not out	5
Extras (b 1)	2
Total (4 wkts)	106

I D K Salisbury, R C Russell, C C Lewis, A R C Fraser, A P Igglesden to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-30, 3-91, 4-96.

BOWLING: Ambrose 7-2-19-2; Walsh 8-1-26-0; W Benjamin 6-0-32-0; K Benjamin 1-0-1-0.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

L Haynes c Russell b Salisbury (212min, 135 balls, 6 fours)	63
*R B Richardson c Lewis b Fraser (100min, 86 balls, 4 fours)	35
B C Lara c Atherton b Lewis (256min, 210 balls, 25 fours, 2 sixes)	167
K L T Arthurton c Thorpe b Salisbury (29min, 16 balls, 1 four)	5
J C Adams lbw b Igglesden (414min, 262 balls, 21 fours)	137
S Chanderpaul b Salisbury (163min, 135 balls, 9 fours)	62
†J R Murray lbw b Salisbury (1min, 1 ball)	0
W K M Benjamin b Fraser (99min, 53 balls, 5 fours, 1 six)	44
C E L Ambrose c Russell b Lewis (21min, 14 balls, 1 four)	10
K C G Benjamin c Russell b Lewis (17min, 15 balls)	1
C A Walsh not out (28min, 10 balls)	10
Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 1, nb 13)	22
Total	556

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-63, 2-177, 3-203, 4-315, 5-441, 6-441, 7-505, 8-520, 9-532.

BOWLING: Lewis 28-1-110-3; Igglesden 24.3-3-94-1; Fraser 29-5-85-2; Salisbury 37-4-163-4; Hick 20-1-61-0; Ramprakash 15-1-35-0.

Umpires: C R Duncan (West Indies) and S Venkataraghaven (India).

Match referee: J R Reid (New Zealand).

Birth date gives Lewis his own brand of age concern

FROM ALAN LEE

CHRIS Lewis's return to the city of his birth has not been a happy one, especially since evidence emerged which casts doubt on the authenticity of his early cricketing deeds. Documents uncovered in the registry office here in Georgetown indicate Lewis is almost two years older than he claims.

Lewis has always given his date of birth as February 14, 1968, and on that basis he played in the World Youth Cup in Australia in 1987. The acclaimed maturity of his cricket there is less impressive if, as his birth certificate states, he was born on February 18, 1966 and was two years beyond the age limit.

Mike Turner, chief executive of Leicestershire when Lewis joined them that same summer, confirmed yesterday that no evidence of birth-date had been sought or produced. It is only in more recent years that a rule has been passed obliging players born outside England to provide such documentation.

Mike Smith, the England tour manager, yesterday described the issue as "a personal matter of no significance to us" and declined to allow Lewis to comment. What can be said, however, is that if Lewis is, indeed, 28 rather than 26, then the unrewarding wait for him to fulfil that youthful promise can be abandoned on the grounds that he is most unlikely to improve at his age.

John Emburey, the Middlesex and former England spinner, is flying home from Guyana today after being told that he has a detached retina. Emburey complained of a painful right eye when he awoke yesterday morning.

It was checked out by a local specialist. "He told me it's a detached retina," said Emburey, 41, who was a key member of Middlesex's county championship winning side last summer. "I've no idea what has caused it."

Specialist advises Bentt to retire from ring

BY SRIKUMAR SEN AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

MICHAEL Bentt, the former World Boxing Organisation heavyweight champion, has been advised by a leading British brain surgeon to give up boxing. Professor Jonathan Sutcliffe, who examined him after he was taken to hospital following his bout with Herbie Hide, of Norwich, on Saturday, said Bentt has swelling on the brain and should never box again.

Bentt, 29, a London-born American, collapsed in his dressing-room at Millwall football ground after being knocked out in the seventh round. Ringside spectators included Michael Watson, who spent weeks in a coma and remains partly paralysed after being knocked out by Chris Eubank in 1991.

Bentt, who is at the Royal London Hospital, is in a stable condition and may be released today. Professor Sutcliffe said that Bentt could remember nothing about the bout because of "post-trauma amnesia" but would not need an operation.

"Mike has suffered a concussive brain injury from which he is now recovering. There is no fracture of the skull and no bleeding under the skull. In view of the cumulative nature of the injuries it would be inadvisable for him to box again," Sutcliffe said, a view with which Bentt's manager, Stan Hoffman, agrees.

Bentt, who had collapsed during training in Las Vegas two weeks earlier and attributed it to the effects of fasting for Ramadan and a bout of influenza, was floored twice before being knocked out but walked unaided to his dressing-room.

John Morris, secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, said Bentt had been thoroughly examined before the fight and given a brain scan which showed no abnormalities.

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Newell strengthens Blackburn's challenge

Sheffield Wednesday..... 1
Blackburn Rovers 2

BY PETER BALL

BLACKBURN Rovers may not have the panache of Manchester United but they keep on winning. Yesterday, they took until the 89th minute to overcome Sheffield Wednesday and cut United's lead at the top to five points, but that they deserved the victory was unarguable.

At a time when their chance seemed to have gone, Mike Newell emerged to claim the winner in his first game since December 26. Newell had only one reserve game behind him, but he has returned at the right time and his spirit symbolised that of his team.

"It was dream stuff to score the winning goal after being out for so long," Newell said. "It has been really frustrating but at least the lads have been winning games. To be honest, I felt my touch was a bit off at times, but we kept on to the end, kept creating chances and got what we deserved."

United's visit to Ewood Park on April 2 is beginning to loom increasingly large. By then, Blackburn will have played Swindon Town and United visited Highbury and the gap could be even narrower. It is a far cry from the turn of the year, when United's lead reached 15 points and appeared unassailable. Blackburn had other ideas. They have now lost only one FA Carling Premiership game in their last 15, winning 12 of them. Championship form, indeed.

Yesterday, the only criticism was their failure to impose themselves more tellingly on a Wednesday team still some way short of full strength and with confidence low after being destroyed by United in midweek. Rovers had chances to have won the game in comfort instead of relying on the nail-biting finale.

From the start, Sherwood and Batty controlled midfield and it took Blackburn only 17 minutes to go ahead with a goal that exposed Wednesday's continuing problems and, in particular, the limitations of playing a centre half at left back. Coleman sold himself badly, allowing Ripley to get in an early cross that Wilcox met to send a low shot past Pressman's left hand.

Yet with that start behind them, Blackburn failed to take the game by the scruff of the neck. They allowed Sheffield to have more of the play but, with their confidence low, the home side barely created a chance, for all their pleasing passing.

When Wednesday did score, it was in the only way imaginable, from a set-piece. Watson flicked the ball past Flowers after Coleman headed on Sinton's corner and the sides were level at the interval.

It stayed that way until the dying moments but how Wednesday survived for so long was inexplicable as Blackburn's sweeping raids pulled them apart. Walker, however, closed down efficiently on Shearer and, with the leader kept in chains, the chances fell to others and were missed.

Quite remarkably, Wednesday nearly scored again when Jemson hit the bar from another corner and that stirred Blackburn into a final assault. May in turn hit the bar, Shearer was denied on the line and, finally, after Pressman parried Berg's drive, Newell forced home the rebound. United are now looking nervously over their shoulders.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): K Pressman — R Nilsson, C Palmer, D Walker, S Coleman — C Bart-Williams, J Sheridan (sub: P King, 69min), G Hyde, A Sinton — M Bright, G Watson (sub: N Jemson, 54).

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, D May, C Hendry, G Le Saux — S Ripley, T Sherwood, D Batty, J Wilcox — A Shearer, M Newell.

Referee: R Dilkes.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man United	32	21	9	2	68	30	72
Blackburn	32	20	7	5	48	24	67
Newcastle	32	17	6	9	63	33	57
Arsenal	32	15	12	5	43	17	57
Leeds	33	14	13	6	47	32	55
Liverpool	33	15	8	10	53	44	53
A Villa	33	13	10	10	39	33	49
QPR	31	13	8	10	49	41	47
Sheff Wed	33	11	12	10	55	47	45

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Price stays course as rivals struggle in blustery finish

FROM MEL WEBB IN SINTRA, PORTUGAL

THE players called the wind a series of ugly names, but it had the last word as it produced a blustery climax to the Portuguese Open at Penha Longa yesterday. On a day when birdies were rarities, pars an achievement and bogeys or worse no disgrace, the winner, Phillip Price, played supremely-controlled golf to win with a closing 72 and a total of 278, six under under par.

Price, 27, led from first to last for the first PGA European Tour victory of his career, claimed by four shots from David Gilford, Paul Eales and Retief Goosen with Ignacio Garrido and Costatino Rocca one stroke further back. The six men were the only players still under par at the end of a tough final round.

Price was seven under par after a first round played in flat calm, then, with conditions getting tougher by the day, played par golf for the next 36 holes and finished the best week's work of his life by defying 25mph gusts on Robert Trent Jones Jr's spectacular and demanding course.

To pick up the winner's prize of £50,000, the Welshman had to resist a determined challenge by Gilford, whose chance of victory evaporated in the space of one disastrous hole. Gilford's catastrophe, on the 417-yard 14th, started when he drove into a bunker. He tried to hit a wedge out of the sand, but succeeded only in hitting the lip and watching, aghast, as his ball bounced back level with him.

If he was to remain a factor in the tournament, he now had to go for the green with his third, but his three-wood was smothered by the rough and rolled only a few yards. He was short of the green in four, chipped on for five and two putts left him with a triple-bogey seven disfiguring his card. Gilford had earlier temporarily tied for the lead with Price when he birdied the 12th, but within a few minutes the gritty Welshman, who scarcely put a foot wrong all day, birdied the same hole to restore a one-shot lead.

After Gilford's gaffe, Price's nearest rival was now Paul Eales, who had the first victory of his career in the Extremadura Open in Spain last month. Eales three-putted three times on the outward nine and was two over par to the turn, as was Price, but closed to within a shot when he birdied the 11th and 12th.

His charge finally ground to a halt with a dropped shot on the 17th. He was now three shots behind and, when he bogeyed the last for his fifth three-putt of the day, Price had a four-stroke lead coming down the last. The race had all but run its course.

Price played with assurance and maturity in the teeth of the wind that hit the course from the northwest and then swirled capriciously through the hills and valleys of the rolling Penha Longa course. Trent Jones, here to see his masterwork being tested as a European Tour venue for the first time, said before the tournament started that it would be won on seven under par. Between them, he and the wind almost got it right.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 278: P Price 64, 71, 71, 72. 282: D Gilford 71, 69, 69, 73; P Eales 66, 71, 72, 73; R Goosen (SA) 69, 68, 73, 74. 283: C Rocca (It) 65, 73, 74, 71; I Garrido (Sp) 68, 69, 73, 73. 284: M A Jiménez (Sp) 70, 68, 74, 72; G Ralph 71, 69, 71, 73. 285: H Clark 67, 73, 74, 71; M Clayton (Aus) 66, 74, 73, 72; M Besancenay (Fr) 69, 71, 72, 73; R Rafferty 69, 68, 73, 75. 286: D J Russell 69, 68, 77, 71; C Mason 67, 69, 79, 71; D Hospital (Sp) 70, 71, 73, 72; B Barnes 69, 67, 73, 77. 287: G Evans 69, 73, 75, 70; S Ames (Tri) 74, 69, 74, 70; M Miller 71, 69, 74, 74; G Orr 68, 70, 75, 74; S Torrance 70, 73, 70, 74; J Van de Velde (Fr) 68, 68, 76, 75; R Karlsson (Swe) 70, 70, 72, 75.

Davies leads after birdie bonanza

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA

THE headline in the *Arizona Republic* yesterday was a classic; short and to the point, if potentially misleading. It read: "Englander shoots 66".

The not-so-little Englander in question was Laura Davies, a law-abiding, peace-loving soul, whose shooting spree was confined to the golf course at Moon Valley Country Club, where she fired seven birdies to move into the lead after three rounds of the Standard Register Ping tournament.

"That and the first round are the two best rounds of golf I've ever had in the same week — ever," said Davies, the 30 year-old former British and US Open champion. "I don't think I've hit the ball better from tee to green but I missed a lot of putts. If I'd holed everything under ten feet, I'd have had a 63."

As it was, the 66 on a grey, rainy day was enough to edge her one stroke ahead of Elaine Crosby, her playing partner, who also shot 66, albeit in less awe-inspiring style on the par 73 course. "Laura hits her three-iron as far as I hit my driver," Crosby, the president of the Ladies' Professional Golf Association, said. "I've always wanted her length but she's always wanted my tempo. We're each other's hero."

While Davies went out in 31, five under par, and made just two birdies coming home, Crosby did the opposite, stringing together four birdies in a row from the 14th and chipping in for her threes at the 16th and 17th, to come in with 32, five under for a total 208, 11 under par.

Davies's fellow Europeans Helen Alfredsson, who defends her Dinah Shore title this week, and Trish Johnson, shot 68 while Alison Nicholas was on 213 after a 69.

LEADING THIRD-ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 207: L Davies (GB) 69, 72, 66. 208: E Crosby 73, 69, 66. 209: K Robbins 68, 70, 71. 211: D Eggeling 72, 72, 67; C Schreyer 69, 70, 72; C Reggi 67, 72, 72; C Chillemi 68, 70, 73. 212: D Mochrie 72, 70, 70; B Daniel 71, 71, 70; D Andrews 71, 71, 70; B Burton 71, 69, 72; H Kobayashi (Japan) 70, 70, 72. 213: A Nicholas (GB) 73, 71, 69; M McGeorge 71, 71, 71; A Ritzman 70, 72, 71; S Little 70, 71, 72; N Lopez 75, 65, 73. 214: T Johnson (GB) 74, 72, 68; L Walters (Can) 73, 70, 71; T-J Myers 71, 72, 71; V Skinner 68, 73, 73.

Cambridge women take Boat Race honours



THERE was no helicopter hovering over their heads, no flotilla of launches trailing in their wake, no London bridges by which to gauge their progress, but, under blue skies and in the presence of cheering crowds at Henley yesterday, the women's University crews acted out the first and less-acclaimed half of the Boat Race double bill (Oliver Holt writes). By the end of their 6min 11sec ordeal, it was Cambridge, who have won the last two women's boat races and who led from start to finish, whose faces, contorted in pain, eased into tired smiles as they prepared to return dry land with a one-length win. They had also silenced the partisan Oxford crowd on the towpath, brought their number of successes in the event to 32 (compared to Oxford's 17) and ensured that the omens were good for their male counterparts in the sequel on Saturday. They did not row as far or as fast as the international women competitors who were allowed to race along the full course distance for the first time in the regatta's 155-year history last summer but the kudos attached to their event is growing. Daniel Topolski coached the Oxford women's crew in the run-up to the race this year and, for the first time, the contest was sponsored by Beefeater Gin, a sign of rowing legitimacy.

Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Edwards provides touch of inspiration

France	4
Great Britain	12

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

AFTER 12 months instructing France in rugby league basics in the wake of two heavy defeats last year, Great Britain ignored their own lessons in the John Smith's international yesterday.

The match at Carcassonne would have been a calamity for Britain but for Shaun Edwards. Two outstanding touches by the Wigan scrum half spared the embarrassment of a first defeat on French soil for nine years.

In ball control, positional kicking and general organisation, the very areas French coaches and players have been in England attempting to improve, Britain were second best for much of a messy and disjointed affair.

Although the referee, John Connolly, had the crowd incensed at some justified grievances — a police escort was hurriedly assembled at the end — French discipline failed to match the impressive defence and, in particular, the strong running of a vastly improved pack.

On the basis of this performance and their highly encouraging display against Wales recently, it should be onwards and upwards for France. A visit to Australia this summer might be a case of running before they can walk, but after an aggregate 120-12 defeat over two matches by Britain last season, the strides taken have been enormous.

The way the English connection worked in the side justified the new air of French optimism. Divet, of Hull, inspired Cabestany alongside him in the second row to new heights, and Entat, latterly of the Boulevard, has found the ideal foil at half back in Fages.

At under-19 level, the progress has been outstanding. Although France beat Great Britain Academy 10-8 earlier in the day, the margin in terms of vision, dexterity and speed was far greater.

Entat displayed all these virtues in creating France's try, twice keeping the ball alive in a sweeping 70-yard move that ended in Martial going over on the right, after Britain had initially led through Crooks's one successful goal from four attempts.

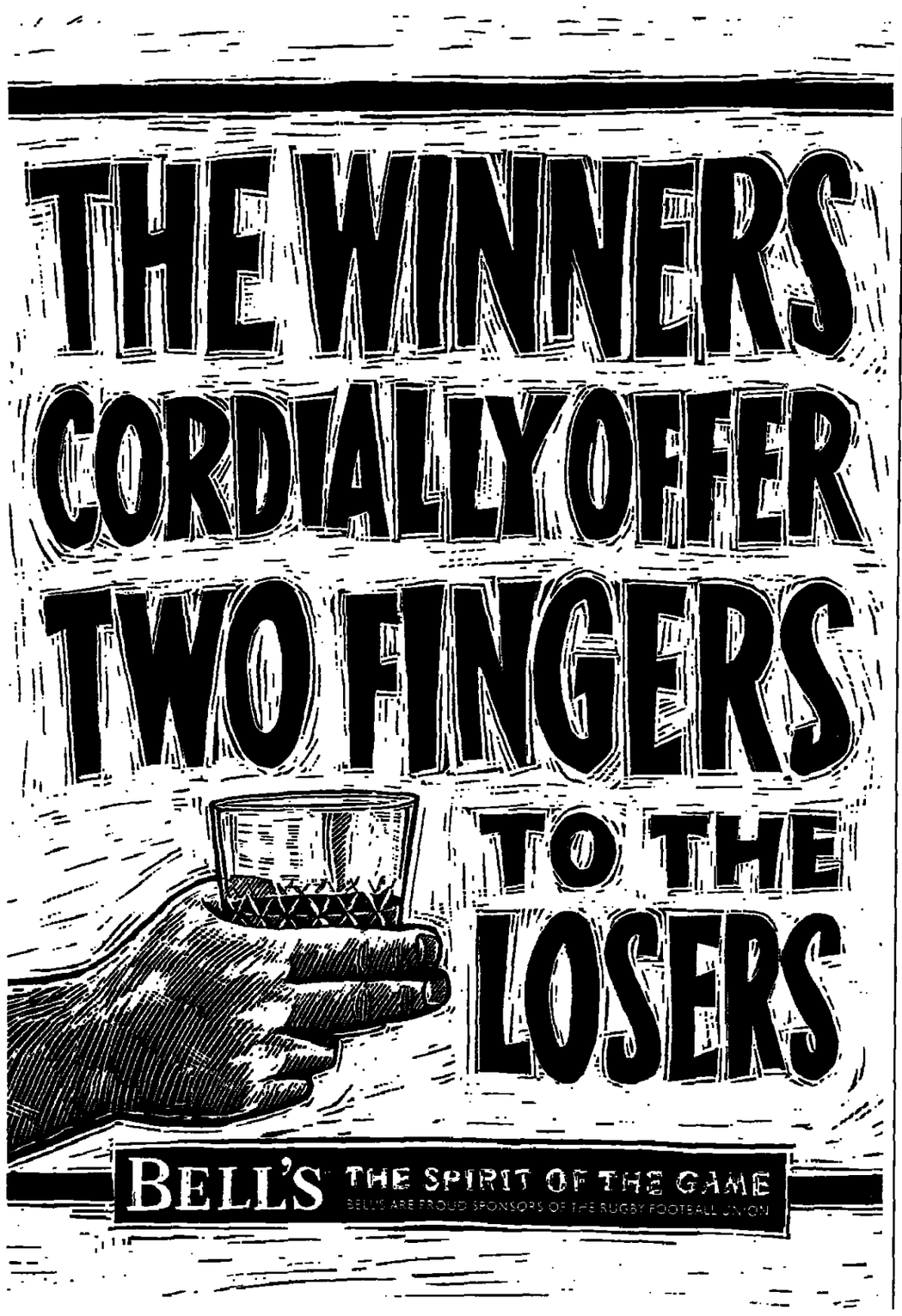
Edwards instigated the first try for Newlove, drawing the French cover. When the scrum half linked with Schofield and dummied on his outside from a scrum 50 yards out, France were done for, and Farrell's late penalty only inflamed their sense of injustice.

SCORERS: France: Try: Martial. Great Britain: Tries: Newlove, Edwards. Goals: Crooks, Farrell.

FRANCE: J Frison (Villetranche); J-M Garcia (St Estève), F Martial (St Estève; sub: A Coutiat, Carcassonne, 72min), D Fraisse (Sheffield Eagles), C Sirvent (St Gaudens; sub: P Bonnet, XIII Catalan, 41); P Fages (Pia), P Entat (Avignon, captain); F Teixido (Limoux), P Torreilles (Pia), B Clerg (XIII Catalan; sub: T Arnal, St Gaudens, 57), D Divet (Hull), D Cabestany (XIII Catalan), G Grandjean (Lézignan; sub: E Attia, Carpentras, 56).

GREAT BRITAIN: G Steadman (Castleford), J Bentley (Halifax; sub: S Ellis, Castleford, 72), G Connolly (Wigan), P Newlove (Bradford Northern; sub: D Powell, Sheffield Eagles, 57), M Offiah (Wigan); G Schofield (Leeds, captain), S Edwards (Wigan); L Crooks (Castleford; sub: P Moriarty, Widnes, 68), L Jackson (Sheffield Eagles), S Molloy (Featherstone Rovers), A Farrell (Wigan), K Fairbank (Bradford Northern; sub: B-J Mather, Wigan, 51), C Joynt (St Helens).

Referee: J Connolly (England).



Saint-André banishes ghosts

Scotland	12
France	20

BY JOHN HOPKINS

THERE are two reasons why Philippe Saint-André looked pleased with himself after this victory in the last round of the five nations' championship: he had become the first captain to lead France to victory at Murrayfield for 16 years and, just as importantly, he had scored the try that contributed most to the victory that gave Scotland the wooden spoon.

"Today, I told my team that ghosts [that have haunted previous French teams in Edinburgh] did not exist." Saint-André said after his first game as France's captain. "The weather was like the Cote d'Azur and I asked my team for their play to be disciplined and for there to be a British approach in that regard."

There was not much of that — at least twice, France conceded penalties and then gave away a further ten yards for dissent — but the lack of discipline was compensated by the pleasure Saint-André took in intercepting a pass from Gregor Townsend, intended for Gavin Hastings, and racing 40 yards to score his sixteenth try for his country.

Nor could France's old failing of temperament obscure the glittering debut of Yann Delaigue, at 20, the youngest member of the team. Delaigue made one cutting break when he covered 40 yards so elegantly he could have balanced a glass of water on his head. It was a break that bore an uncanny resemblance to de Glanville's at Twickenham at more or less the same time on Saturday afternoon and, just as that led to a try, so did this as Delaigue deftly kicked ahead with his left foot and Sadourny ran onto the ball and scored.

This victory, which will surely result in Saint-André being confirmed as captain for France's tour this season, as well as Pierre Berbizier being retained at coach, bodes well for France. Their two other new caps, if less evident than Delaigue, received their captain's blessing too. Nonetheless, on the evidence of this game, it was hard to imagine that this was the country that had been South Africa and Australia in the past 12 months.

Where Scotland stand is another matter entirely after three losses and a draw, even though defeat by England was cruel. At least six of their players will not be available to tour Argentina in May — Armstrong, Gavin Hastings, Stanger, Milne, Weir and Walton. With Armstrong, Scotland pose a threat; without him, they look frail and short of strike-power.

Scotland could clutch at straws and say that when Saint-André scored that interception try, there were only four points between the teams, but they only looked like scoring one try themselves and that was when Walton, a rumbustuous flanker, was adjudged to have knocked the ball forward when over the line.

Gavin Hastings is at the end of his career, even if he is not about to announce his retirement. He kicked his hundredth penalty for his country in his fiftieth game. For him, the turnbrils are drawing ever closer. Scotland were without wit and invention on the field and, under the management of Duncan Patterson, for whom the description sobersided would seem too frivolous, they were without it off the field as well.

SCORERS: Scotland: Penalty goals: G Hastings (4). France. Tries: Sadourny, Saint-André. Conversions: Lacroix, Montlaur. Penalty goals: Lacroix (2).

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (Watsonians, captain), A G Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonians), D S Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), K M Logan (Stirling County); G P J Townsend (Gala), B W Redpath (Melrose); A V Sharp (Bristol), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), A P Burnell (London Scottish), P Walton (Northampton), D S Munro (Glasgow H/Kelvinside), A I Reed (Bath), I R Smith (Gloucester), G W Weir (Melrose).

FRANCE: J-L Sadourny (Colomiers); W Techoueyres (SBUC), P Sella (Agen), Y Delaigue (Toulon), P Saint-André (Montferrand, captain); T Lacroix (Dax), A Macabiau (Perpignan); L Bénézech (Racing), J-M Gonzalez (Bayonne), L Seigne (Mérignac), P Benetton (Agen), O Brouzet (Grenoble), O Merle (Grenoble), L Cabannes (Grenoble), A Benazzi (Agen). Lacroix replaced by P Montlaur (52min).

Referee: W D Bevan (Wales).

☐ A second team in red found west London a less than healthy place yesterday. Canada A completed their five-match tour to England and Wales by losing 23-9 to England's Emerging Players at Richmond. The emerging players, in their third and final match of the season, won by a try and six penalty goals to three penalties, leaving the Canadians with only one win — and that by a single point, against Newbridge — to look back on.

They might have made more of a challenge but for a propensity, which they share with their seniors, to concede far too many penalties. Against a kicker of Grayson's calibre, that was foolhardy.

SCORERS: England Emerging Players: Try: P Holford (Gloucester). Penalty goals: P Grayson (Northampton, 5). Canada A: Penalty goals: R Phillips (UBC, 3).

FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership

Norwich v Everton (8.0) .....

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Stevenage v Bromley; Yeading v Enfield. First division: Rulslip Manor v Abingdon Town. Carlsberg Cup: Fourth round: Purfleet v Wokingham.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridlington v Bishop Auckland. First division: Curzon Ashton v Great Harwood. League Challenge Cup: Fourth round: Guiseley v Altrincham.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hednesford v Chelmsford.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Sheffield v Thackley.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Leicester v Notts County (7.0); Newcastle v Blackburn (7.0). Second division: Mansfield v Grimsby (7.0); Preston v Barnsley.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Swindon (7.0); Oxford Utd v Watford, Portsmouth v Chelsea (7.0); Tottenham v Bristol Rovers (2.0).

FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Middlesbrough v Millwall.

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BOWLS: Women's home internationals and British championships (at Blackpool Borough).

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Soldeu	90	190	good	spring	slush	fine	7	13/3
Generally good spring conditions prevail								
AUSTRIA								
Obergurgl	60	130	good	varied	fair	fair	2	20/3
Very good skiing on new snow								
Schladming	20	120	fair	heavy	closed	snow	4	20/3
Improved pistes with new snow but still too warm								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	115	300	good	varied	fair	sun	1	12/3
Typical spring conditions, good snow cover above 1,600m								
Flaine	60	200	good	varied	slush	cloud	3	17/3
Good spring skiing overall								
Val d'Isère	125	320	good	fair	good	sun	2	17/3
Snow generally good under sunny skies								
Val Thorens	80	250	good	varied	good	sun	2	18/3
Crisp snow and good skiing								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	85	110	good	varied	good	fair	-1	20/3
All pistes in good condition after fresh snow								
C Montana	20	190	fair	varied	worn	snow	4	20/3
Fresh snow and improved piste conditions								
Klosters	15	180	good	powder	fair	cloud	4	20/3
Good skiing on upper slopes, though poor visibility								
St Moritz	30	230	good	heavy	worn	sun	-2	16/3
Very good skiing still available and no crowds								
Wengen	0	80	fair	varied	closed	fair	6	17/3
Typical spring conditions								
Zermatt	10	120	fair	heavy	poor	fine	2	3/3
Snow machines aiding conditions on Sunnegga								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

Five nations' championship decided in favour of the vanquished at Twickenham

England rule but Wales reign

England.....15
Wales.....8

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

TO THE victors, the spoils. Well, no, not in the five nations' championship this season, which concluded on Saturday with England winning at Twickenham and Wales mounting the podium to receive the championship trophy from the Queen. The air of unreality was almost tangible.

It has been that sort of season, resembling nothing so much as the famous Caucus race where everyone gets prizes. Indeed, rugby union seems frequently to inhabit an *Alice in Wonderland* world where things are frequently not what they seem. Here, the sum of a game that Wales needed to win if they were to collect the clean sweep of mythical trophies was less than its parts.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	4	3	0	1	78	51	6
England	4	3	0	1	80	46	6
France	4	2	0	2	84	69	4
Ireland	4	1	1	2	66	70	3
Scotland	4	0	1	3	38	70	1

RESULTS: Jan 15: France 35 Ireland 15; Wales 29 Scotland 6. Feb 5: Ireland 15 Wales 17; Scotland 14 England 15 Feb 19: England 12 Ireland 13; Wales 24 France 15. Mar 5: France 14 England 16; Ireland 6 Scotland 6. Mar 19: England 15 Wales 8; Scotland 12 France 20.


IAN STEWART

Richards, returning to international action after injury, tries to find a way past three Wales defenders during England's victory at Twickenham

Yet let us be grateful for what there was: a contest played in good spirit, except for the uncharacteristic headbutt aimed by Neil Jenkins at Andrew when the ball was dead, in wonderful conditions and a boisterous atmosphere, with three tries.

"That's one record we didn't want," Geoff Cooke, the England manager for the final time, muttered to a colleague when Rory Underwood scored the first try with only 11 minutes played. Had England been forced to wait beyond the first quarter, it would have been the longest try-less period in their history.

But the ultimate frustration was that the match could have been so much more than victory by a goal, a try and a penalty goal to a try and a penalty. The grand slam and triple crown may have been beyond England but the championship was within their grasp at 15-3 early in the second half. The authority of their play was such that Wales, unbeaten hitherto, were scarcely in the game.

But true to their entire season, England could not finish. "When the dust settles we know that we could have blown them off the field completely," Cooke said. Playing with a freedom demonstrated previously only in the early stages of the game against Scotland, they came within sight of four more tries yet could not put away punch-drunk opponents who were hanging on the ropes.

Wales, to their immense credit, found reserves of energy, despite the loss of Lewis and the struggles of the hamstrung Phil Davies, to create, and take, one of only two clear try-scoring chances. The first was made by Quinnell, the second, four minutes from time, taken by Walker after sustained work by the tight forwards in loose play.

Alan Davies, their coach, had proclaimed earlier that Wales would score tries. For an hour, nothing looked less likely. Wales would, their coach suggested, go around, through or over the opposition; instead, they shuffled sideways, marshalled by an England defence with Richards, the Leicester titan, at its core, and conceded a number of turnovers.

Yet England's control was nothing like that of Paris. They lost possession in the tackle too frequently and did not offer the ball carrier close support. How many times did Andrew, eschewing the role of tormentor-in-chief with the accuracy of his kicking, seek the half-break and then find no colleague close enough to pass to?

Andrew mixed his game deftly yet, in the end, it was less effective than in Paris. Three times he dropped for goal and missed, the second time when the Welsh try-line seemed about to fall to a sustained assault had he moved possession wide.

The Wales lineout kept them in touch, which was remarkable given that Garin Jenkins's throwing was poor and that England scored their second try direct from a Welsh throw on their own line, Rodber stretching an arm at the front to drop over unopposed. Their first try was far more dramatic and was made by a peach of a pass from Andrew to de Glanville. The Bath centre needed no second invitation to accelerate through an inviting hole and Rory Underwood, coming on the angle, scored his 37th international try and his 150th point. That England led only 7-3 at the interval, Jenkins kicking one of three penalty attempts, hardly reflected their superiority.

Redman played another superb match in the loose. Rodber was a substantial force and Hunter revelled in the scope that full back offers the natural counter-attacker.

It became an occasion for Catt, too. When Andrew was helped off because of a muscular spasm in his back, the South African-born Catt won his first cap and will surely return home with the England touring party in May. Second-placed England to South Africa, champions Wales to Iberia. Wonderland indeed.

SCORERS: England: Tries: R Underwood, Rodber. Conversion: Andrew Penalty goal: Andrew. Wales: Try: Walker. Penalty goal: Jenkins.

ENGLAND: I Hunter (Northampton); T Underwood (Leicester), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), P R de Glanville (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF); C R Andrew (Wasps), C D Morris (Orrell); J Leonard (Harlequins), B C Moore (Harlequins), V E Ubogu (Bath), T A K Rodber (Northampton/Army), M O Johnson (Leicester), N C Redman (Bath), B B Clarke (Bath), D Richards (Leicester). Andrew replaced by M J Catt (Bath, 78min).

WALES: M A Rayer (Cardiff); I C Evans (Llanelli, captain), M R Hall (Cardiff), N G Davies (Llanelli), N Walker (Cardiff); N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), R H StJ B Moon (Llanelli); R L Evans (Llanelli), G R Jenkins (Swansea), J D Davies (Neath), E W Lewis (Llanelli), P T Davies (Llanelli), G O Llewellyn (Neath), M A Perego (Llanelli), L S Quinnell (Llanelli). Lewis replaced by A H Copsey (Llanelli, 51).

Referee: J M Fleming (Scotland).

Two winners prompt few celebrations

Gerald Davies sees the five nations' championship end on an unsatisfactory note at Twickenham

England emphatically won the match but not the championship. Wales lost the match but won the championship, a triumph of doubtful authenticity. It did not seem a satisfactory resolution to the season. Neither side could feel a wholehearted sense of achievement.

England, giving their most authoritative display of the season, failed, inexplicably, to drive home their superiority and so win the competition outright. This will have left them frustrated but no more so than Wales, who had the the season's great prize within their grasp but played so dismally below expectations that they looked the least likely of grand slam contenders.

The crowd, in festive mood beforehand, felt hollow when the whistle went. There was no huge roar at the end. Both sides felt denied a true celebration.

Even Ieuan Evans, the Wales captain, looked unconvinced when he accepted the trophy. He did not raise it above his head with much sense of conviction or glory. Nobody could rest content. The players' consciences must have been restive and unconsoled by the "what ifs" and the "but fors" of the season and of the day.

England will feel this the most because they have not delivered what was expected of them and what they could so easily have done. The season, like Saturday, was a time of missed opportunities. On the other hand, Wales have made the most of theirs and can still look back on three victories, which were hardly expected of them ten weeks ago.

Yet the disjointed efforts of Saturday will raise questions about the true rate of their recovery.

England played like champions for the first time this season. They were prepared to explore all their gifts, not just a restrictive few. If they are to fulfil their ambitions of World Cup success, they need this kind of variety. A one-tempo, one-plan game, which they seem capable of falling into, will be found out in the series of matches that leads up to the final.

Wales played as if their other three matches in the championship had not occurred. In their tactical naivety, their performance was a throwback to the game against Canada in November, but in a different form. Then, they were persistently drawn into a confrontational game around the fringes of the forwards, with little variety, when there was a case for Wales playing on a wider front. They were stuck in a groove. On Saturday, they were stuck in another groove.

They seemed to have believed the advance publicity about their running style. They should have been more modest in their assessment. Throughout the game, they continued to pass the ball among the three-quarters when it was not to their advantage to do so.

With England winning most of the possession and usually stealing what Wales had strived hard to get, and always running forwards, it is difficult for the opposition to attack from a starting position on their heels.

Failing to read the game and not seeing the need to turn England with kicks over their heads or to the corners, Wales played into their opponents' hands. Rarely did they threaten an England team that looked comfortable and composed. Hunter was hardly tested at full back and was given plenty of time to settle in.

That the match, which began with immense promise in the first half, failed to ignite in the second was because, ultimately, Wales failed to turn it into a proper contest.

Carling lacking in direction

By David Miller

WHEN Jenkins, the Wales stand-off half, was penalised for attempting to butt Andrew, a quarter of an hour into the second half, and Andrew exacted revenge by kicking England into a 15-3 lead, Wales were there for the taking. If England had run in another try then, they would probably have won by 30 points, never mind the 16 they needed for the five nations' championship. What went wrong?

So much, it has to be said, went right. The England team, castigated in victory against France a fortnight ago, thrust the criticism down the throat of those who sought to say they were playing the wrong kind of game. It was said they could not, that they would not, let the ball run, yet now there were times when they ran Wales dizzy. Wales may be *champions* but they were played almost out of sight.

Minutes after Andrew's kick to establish the 15-3 lead, a fine run by Carling all but carried him across the line but, although dominance over opponents who had been comprehensively outplayed was maintained for another ten minutes or so, something was missing from England's mentality that should have enabled them to grind Wales into the lush green turf. It was, in a word, leadership.

The captaincy is not going to be taken away from Carling because England did not win the title. He will captain England in South Africa this summer and, presumably, in the World Cup next year, possibly even with success, as at home three years ago. This is, as the retiring England manager, Geoff Cooke, emphasised afterwards, a potentially outstanding side.

Yet cold reflection will suggest that, at the moment when Carling might have driven his team to triumph in the 1994 championship, he failed to do so, and this had nothing to do with his own play.

Cooke took a gamble when he made Carling one of the youngest captains in history, a gamble that has been shown to be well judged. Yet not for the first time in a critical situation, Carling seemed not to possess the communication, through either passion or tactical strategy, to raise his troops during a phase in which concentration was ebbing away. It is not enough to say that this was one of those matches where Andrew, rugby's Pythagoras, was not exerting his usual control with his boot.

Nor was the championship squandered merely at the moment of Andrew's worst misjudgment, when, with a quarter of an hour remaining and England still leading by 12 points, he made the second unavailing drop for goal when there were three players waiting for the ball in open space free to his left.



The championship was lost during a 20-minute spell in which England became content with the idea of victory for its own sake, instead of pursuing total destruction. The relative immaturity of this side is perhaps an excuse but the responsibility lay primarily with the captain.

There appears, at times, to be a quality in Carling not unlike that in David Gower when he led England's Test team. He is somehow remote, almost on the periphery of events, observing them rather than directing them; never mind the ferocity of some of Carling's tackling on Saturday, or the surge of his runs for the line.

It was, indeed, a fine victory. There were elements of invention that have been missing earlier this season, a return to the quality of two years ago. In England's second-phase attack passages, the ball would come out and neither Wales nor the crowd could be sure which way it was going to go. All this gave the home supporters immense satisfaction but they went home wondering, and will continue to do so, why such a splendid day was not as good afterwards as it seemed at the time.

Victory provides platform for future



Rob Andrew, England's bruised stand-off half, tells why winning at Twickenham was just enough

The manner of our victory over Wales was so comprehensive that there cannot have been a Welshman anywhere who could have argued against it. It was a dominating performance and we thoroughly deserved to win. We did not want Wales to win a grand slam on our patch whatever happened.

All week, the Welsh had talked themselves up. They talked about how good they were and how they were the only side playing attractive rugby this season. It was probably counter-productive in the end. They put themselves under enormous pressure and they froze on the day.

But they defended well and, at 15-3, one or two opportunities went begging for us. Will Carling was twice stopped on the line and only a trip by Rupert Moon prevented Ian Hunter scoring under the posts. At 15-3, I thought that we were going to get enough points to take the trophy. But no one should feel disappointed it did not happen.

We set out to win the match, that was our goal. It does not mean anything to the players to have a cup for the five nations' winners. Wales may be the champions but the only thing that really matters in this tournament is winning the grand slam or triple crown. That is what the competition is all about for the British and Irish sides.

The officials have dug a hole for themselves by having this trophy and presenting it to somebody regardless of what happened on the day. To have the side that lost receiving a cup just does not work.

The most satisfying thing for us was the extent of our forward power and our dominance as a side in the first 20 minutes of each half. At those times, we put our big runners into their midfield and created a lot of room out wide. We scored as good a try as anyone all season and, although it would have been nice to have scored more tries, nobody can be too critical.

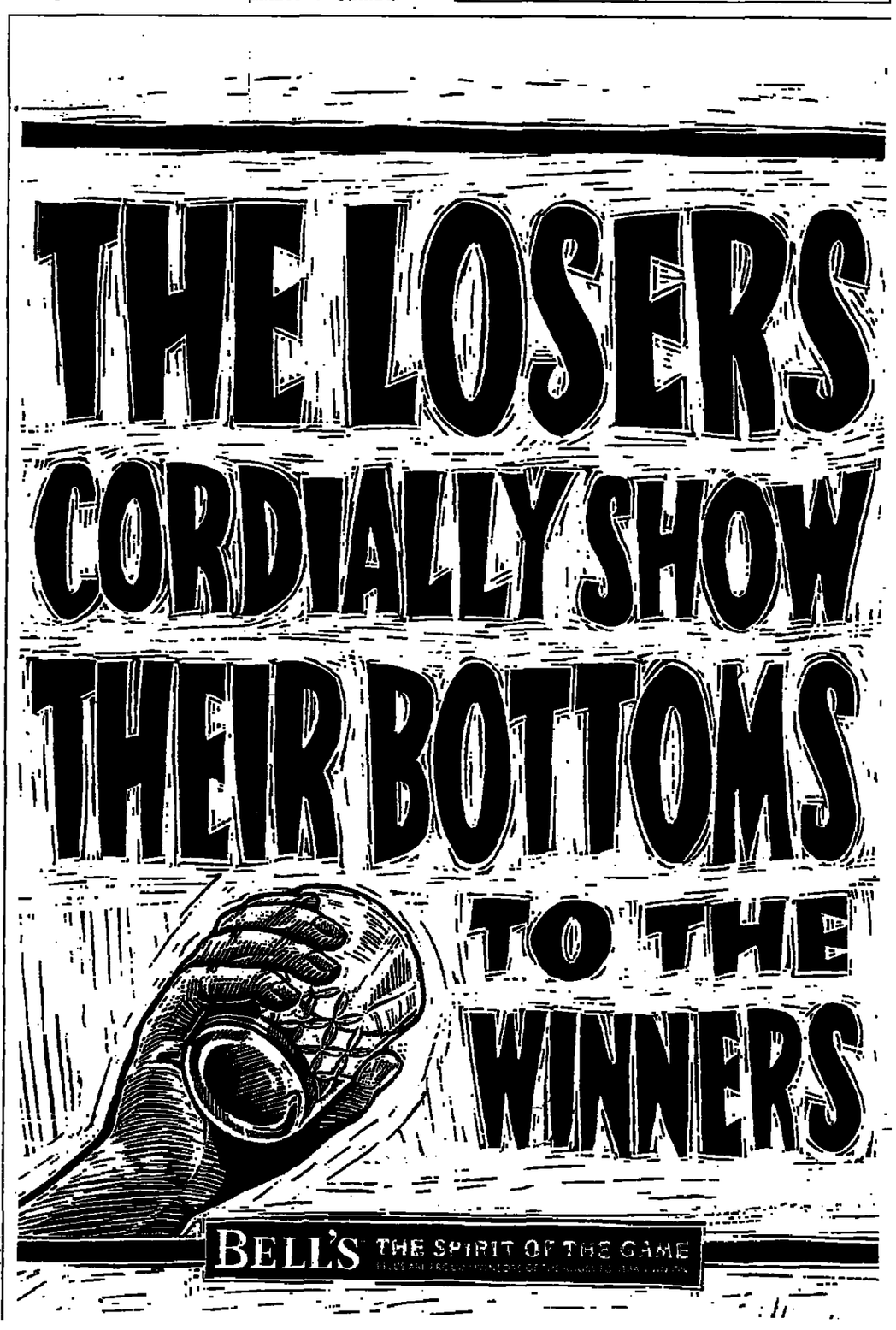
We are now beginning to bolt on the bits we need to complete this side. A lot of positive things came out of the game for us: Hunter at full back gave us an extra dimension from the back, Tony Underwood's renewed confidence on the wing, and a strong forward platform. Our scrummage was good and the lineout was solid. This was a good Welsh team, too, with an especially useful back row. They never gave up and worked hard.

Some people have tried to make something out of my clash with Neil Jenkins but there was nothing nasty in it. There was a bit of head-to-head when he tackled me and we were both standing up in the tackle. But he did not connect with my head and I didn't regard it as very serious.

So we finished the season as we started — with a good win. We have learned a lot, most notably, from the matches against Scotland and Ireland. Those games taught us lessons, not about the physical demands but the mental ones. We turned our whole season around in the last two matches against France and Wales, and now we have the makings of a very good side. The talent is certainly there to do well.

We still need to improve our finishing. That was, perhaps, a weakness even in the England side of the 1990 era and it was one we must correct if we are to succeed in the future.

Interview by Peter Bills



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Esha Ness nears day of decision

By Julian Muscat

THE protracted countdown to the Grand National was activated on the conclusion to last week's Cheltenham festival, in which 32 National entrants took to the track. A further seven tested their credentials at Uttoxeter on Saturday, yet a more significant development emerged yesterday with the news that a decision on the Aintree participation of Esha Ness will be made towards the end of the week.

Esha Ness, the first horse to reach the winning post in the void National 12 months ago, suffered a tendon injury on his reappearance at Wincanton recently. Hopes that he could gain his just reward for last year's cruel sequence of events had all but evaporated, and he was immediately withdrawn from the big-race betting. It now seems the tendon injury he sustained was not as serious as it first appeared.

The next few days will determine everything. "At the moment Esha Ness is sound in his box," David Stait, assistant to the horse's trainer, Jenny Pitman, said yesterday. "If Jenny can do the work she wants with the horse in the next few days, then she will sit down with his owner and weigh up the National. If she can't, then obviously he won't be running."

Patrick Bancroft, owner of Esha Ness, has harboured a dream to return to Aintree ever since the fiasco 12 months ago, so much so that he has engaged John White to ride even though White is now ensconsed as a first-season trainer in Ireland. White has had some 20 rides, including that on Esha Ness at Wincanton, but all hopes rest entirely on the well-being of the horse. Those wishing to pre-empt the announcement can have 16-1 with William Hills.

To the public at large, Pitman is more readily associated with the National than any other trainer. She became the first woman to saddle a National winner when Corbiere obliged in 1983, and was narrowly deprived of a second victory when Garrison Savannah was overhauled on the run-in by Seagram three years ago.

Whatever the outcome of Esha Ness's fitness test, Garrison Savannah will again represent the Lambourn trainer on April 9. Now an 11-year-old, Garrison Savannah was pulled up in last week's Gold Cup, won by The Fellow, whom he mastered by a short head in the same race in 1991. "He came back with a bruise between his front legs after his mistake at the second fence," explained Stait of the 20-1 chance. "It is nothing more than a haemotoma, which will cause him no problems at all in the build-up to Aintree. Otherwise, he's fine."

Meanwhile, the participation of another Aintree specialist, Romany King, is in doubt following his lifeless performance in the St Mowden Handicap Chase at Uttoxeter on Saturday, when he finished last of the four runners. "He was disappointing; I just don't know why," said a bemused Toby Balding.

Balding added: "The horse has handled soft ground before. We'll send him to Mary Bromiley [the equine physiotherapist] for a complete check-up and, if he's fine, we could well run him again at Newbury on Saturday. Understandably, the owner is not keen to run the horse if he won't do himself justice." Hills yesterday extended Romany King's Aintree odds to 25-1.

Among the seven National entrants to contest the Tetley Bitter Midlands National on Saturday, Into The Red was eased to 33-1, from 25-1, after he was pulled up behind Glenbrook D'Or. His connections, however, remain undeterred. "The going was just too heavy for him," said Penny White, wife of John, who trains Into The Red. "He ran very well until he got tired three fences out. The ground at Aintree is sure to suit him much better."

☐ Precious Boy, the 33-1 winner of the Imperial Cup at Sandown, has been put down after injuring a cannon-bone in the County Hurdle at Cheltenham last week.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CARNETTO
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Next best: Fortune's Girl
(4.50 Newcastle)

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Taramoss puts in an impressive leap before capturing the Bet With The Tote Novices' Chase final at Uttoxeter

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	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
A Maguire	150	122	79	0	+9.24
R Dunwoody	131	107	84	19	-103.55
J Osborne	86	65	46	2	-39.82
P Niven	73	58	35	1	-44.24
N Williamson	69	75	49	7	-101.09
G McCourt	55	41	36	8	-27.53
M A Fitzgerald	53	41	51	2	-85.24
D Murphy	46	47	43	16	-46.14
L Wyer	43	29	37	1	+62.75
D Bridgwater	37	26	31	6	-55.90

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Pipe	90	68	44	1	-56.81
Mrs M Reveley	81	67	42	1	-19.19
D Nicholson	69	50	33	1	+50.53
K Bailey	57	45	29	15	-28.37
N Twiston-Davies	49	39	41	5	-48.65
J White	45	32	27	1	-74.07
P Hobbs	43	35	34	6	+80.26
J Gifford	39	49	32	5	-34.87
O Sherwood	34	23	25	2	-0.16
M Hammond	34	40	25	2	-65.79

Newbury final attracts 20 entries

By Brian Beel

TRUNDLE and Green Sheen, both winners of point-to-points on Saturday, are among the 20 entries for The Times Rising Stars final at Newbury on Friday.

Sylvia Weeden's Trundle easily won the intermediate race at Larkhill under Mike Felton. The eight-year-old, winning for the first time this season, was denied a run in a Times qualifier by the abandonment of Huntingdon, but is eligible as he had been declared.

"He's a good jumper and stays well, but is a bit short of finishing speed," said Trundle's trainer, John Dufosee, now faced with the problem of finding a rider. Felton, who went on to ride a treble at the meeting, is booked for Synderborough Lad, a probable on Friday if the ground dries.

Green Sheen, Saturday's other winning entry, would also like a sound surface. He had a simple task in a division of the maiden at the Cleveland and Ernie Fenwick, his owner, also has a dilemma. He could make the long journey south with his Kelso qualifier or take an easier option at nearby Newcastle tomorrow.

Johnny Greenall's preferred choice for the Newbury final is Kilfinny Cross, although he has also entered Sunny Mount. Both are from Caroline Saunders's yard as is Avostar, Richard Russell's Lingfield winner.

There are two mares entered, No Fizz, who won at Folkestone a month ago, and the bottom weight, Flame O'Frensi.

NEWBURY ENTRIES: Kilfinny Cross, Sunny Mount, Avostar, Knifeboard, No Fizz, Synderborough Lad, Cool Relation, First Harvest, Go Silly, Green Sheen, Harvest Splendour, Johnny's Choice, King's Gunner, Mr Golightly, Ngeru, Some-Toy, Timur's Luck, Trundle, Zorro's Mark, Flame O'Frensi.

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Cheltenham is role model for Epsom owners

Last week's Cheltenham festival exceeded the high expectations which are annually entertained for this three-day meeting. Collectively, the championship-race winners painted a portrait of all that is best about National Hunt racing. The crowds adored it: attendance was up on each of the three days.

Flakey Dove, winner of the Champion Hurdle, reasserted that romance in racing is very much alive. Viking Flagship, winner of the Champion Chase, demonstrated a courage way beyond the average racehorse. And The Fellow, the winner, at the fourth attempt, of the Cheltenham Gold Cup, represented a victory for faith and perserverence in the face of adversity.

The Cheltenham festival is Britain's premier racing spectacle, but its popularity should, of course, be threatened by the Epsom Derby meeting, the equivalent championship on the Flat. Sadly, it is not. Indeed, the Derby now stands at its nadir. It is a tedious, almost demoralising event at which the nuisance value of the crowd — such as it is — quickly saturates the conscience at the expense of the race.

Fortunately, all that should change as of this week. Today, the Horserace Betting Levy Board, owners of Epsom, will decide which bidder will be entrusted with custody of our most prestigious race. Racecourse Holdings Trust, the Jockey Club subsidiary which owns nine racetracks, among them Cheltenham, is an overwhelming favourite to succeed at the expense of Stan Clarke's consortium and that of Sunset & Vine, the television production company.

Each of the bidders has something to recommend them, yet their urgent priority is to restore the Derby to its proper standing. From a programming perspective, the race must be moved to a Saturday. Like the Gold Cup at Cheltenham, the Derby must bring down the curtain on the four-day meeting, which itself should be reduced to a maximum of three. Each preceeding day, televised live, will induce an excitement patently lacking in the current format.

JULIAN MUSCAT



Racing commentary

The paddock is a seven-minute walk from the main viewing area. A temporary one should be build in front of the stands for spectators to savour the race's participants. The middle of the course, where admission is free, should provide all-day entertainment for picnicking families. The event should be properly marketed, dress codes relaxed, hostile gatemen removed, viewing areas increased at the expense of corporate boxes. And so it goes on.

The Derby remains the most important yardstick of thoroughbred merit, but it should be much more. It should be the highlight to a week of great adventure. Above all, it should be an event we can stage with a sense of pride. It is a pride we have not felt about Epsom for many years.

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2.50 Scotton Banks
3.20 Sir Peter Lely
3.50 Attadale
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4.50 Fortune's Girl

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.50 ATTADALE.

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102 430 STAR RAGE 12 (B) (J David Abell) M W Easterby 4-11-7 ... J Driscoll (3) 94
103 4/53P/4 IRISH FLASHER 14 (J Jefferson) J Jefferson 7-11-7 ... P Williams
104 02150-F CHADWICK'S GINGER 13 (D,G) (W Tinning) W Tinning 6-11-6 ... A Thornton 86
105 005 MISS PIMPERNEL 6 (D Hazzard) J Blakett 4-11-6 ... B Harding –
106 000P3 THATCHED 12 (V) (J Garbutt) R Barr 4-10-13 ... D J Moffatt 92
107 140645 ON GOLDEN POND 12 (BF,G) (N Mason Ltd) G Moore 4-10-13 ... N Bentley 95
108 45-0630 CHARLYCIA 58 (V,G) (Mrs V Chilton) T Carr 6-10-13 ... M Clarke (7) 96
109 30-6P4 NICHOLAS PLANT 9 (Mrs J Armstrong) L Lungo 5-10-12 ... S Lyons –
110 4/P5-000 HIGHFIELD PRINCE 54 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Hart) R O'Leary 8-10-10 ... K Davies (5) –
111 504 BARSAL 24F (W Sellers) J Parkes 4-10-3 ... F Leahy (3) 90
112 303552 STATION EXPRESS 13 (D,F,G) (Mrs G Smith) B Ellison 6-10-3 ... A Larnach 97
113 0004/P0- TOURAQUE 528 (T Cuthom) Mrs D Cathom 9-10-0 ... I Jardine (7) –
114 66P54-6 SEA PET 9 (P Byrne) J Blakett 5-10-0 ... D Bentley 97
115 0P-03PP BEACH PATROL 13 (I Rodden) R Allan 6-10-0 ... S Melrose (7) 95
116 63P-F63 CARLA ADAMS 5 (D Callaghan) W Storey 8-10-0 ... J Supple 91
117 00-0550 DOLLY PRICES 12 (W Smith) W Smith 9-10-0 ... P Waggott 85

Long handicap: Sea Pet 9-13, Beach Patrol 9-12, Carla Adams 9-7, Dolly Prices 9-7.

BETTING: 7-2 On Golden Pond, 9-2 Station Express, 5-1 Star Rage, 7-1 Thatched, 8-1 Charlycia, 10-1 Barsal, 12-1 Nicholas Plant, Irish Flasher, 16-1 others.

1993: MAGIC BLOOM 7-10-0 A Larnach (16-1) A Stringer 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

STAR RAGE 13l 3rd of 16 to Daring Past in novice hurdle at Catterick (2m, good to soft). CHADWICK'S GINGER beat Paper Clip 10l in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Southwell (AW, 2m). THATCHED 9¼l 3rd of 14 to Ho-Joe in selling novice hurdle at Catterick (2m, good) with ON GOLDEN POND 9¼l 5th.
ON GOLDEN POND best effort when 12l 4th of 10 to Rusty Reel in novice hurdle at Kelso (2m 110yd, soft). STATION EXPRESS head 2nd of 13 to Regal Romper in conditional jockeys' selling handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft) with CARLA ADAMS (3lb better off) 14¼l 6th, CHADWICK'S GINGER (1lb worse off) fell and BEACH PATROL pulled up. BEACH PATROL just over 1l 3rd of 9 to Regal Aura in novice handicap hurdle at Edinburgh (2m, good).
Selection: STATION EXPRESS

2.50 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,337: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

201 121305 MAJOR BELL 17 (F,S) (A Wollans) A Wollans 6-11-10 ... M Moloney 84
202 5-3211P SCOTTON BANKS 44 (D,BF,G,S) (I Bray) M H Easterby 5-11-10 ... L Wyer 97
203 128131 CARNETTO 19 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Brewis) R Brewis 7-11-5 ... F Leahy (7)
204 P ANOTHER SHOON 58 (E Fenwick) J Haldane 7-11-0 ... J Supple –
205 633325 ASTRALEON 73 (J Stephenson) R Allan 6-11-0 ... B Storey 80
206 P0 BRAVE AND TENDER 23 (Mrs A Taylor) J Johnson 5-11-0 ... A Dobbin –
207 14-64 CAPENWRAY 16 (G) (Mrs Linda Woodward) R Fisher 5-11-0 ... P Niven –
208 5-04066 HICKSONS CHOICE 44 (J Wade) J Wade 6-11-8 ... A Thornton (3) 72
209 22-5000 JUMPING CACTUS 136 (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 5-11-0 ... Mr C Mulhall 61
210 0-P0 MANOR COURT 60 (R Lamb) R Lamb 6-11-0 ... A Merrigan –
211 5-04 OAT COUTURE 10 (Mrs A Stevenson) L Lungo 6-11-0 ... C Grant 68
212 P6 RHYMING THOMAS 95 (J Adam) J Adam 6-11-0 ... M Dwyer –
213 PP SAMS-THE-MAN 68 (R Gray) R Gray 6-11-0 ... C Hawkins –
214 000 TICO GOLD 44 (Miss S Turner) P Cheesbrough 6-11-0 ... K Johnson 64
215 006 CATCH THE PIGEON 19 (Mrs R Barr) R Barr 5-10-9 ... D J Moffatt (3) 58

BETTING: 2-1 Scotton Banks, 9-2 Carnetto, 6-1 Astraleon, 8-1 Major Bell, Oat Couture, 10-1 Capenwray, 14-1 Rhyming Thomas, Brave And Tender, 16-1 others.

1993: FULL O'PRAISE 6-11-10 T Reed (7-1) P Calver 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAJOR BELL beat High Penhowe 5l in 10-runner novice hurdle at Catterick (2m 3f, good to soft). SCOTTON BANKS beat Ninia 25l in 12-runner novice hurdle at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, good) with ANOTHER SHOON (4lb better off) pulled up. CARNETTO beat Scrabble 4l in 14-runner Wetherby novice hurdle (2m 4f 110yd, soft) with CATCH THE PIGEON (4lb worse off) 47l 6th. ASTRALEON 5l 2nd of 14 to Imperial Bid in novice hurdle at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good) with HICKSON'S CHOICE 12¾l 6th. HICKSONS CHOICE 20l 6th of 19 to Ratters in Wetherby novice hurdle (2m, soft) with TICO GOLD 8½l 8th. CAPENWRAY 4l 4th of 18 to Highly Reputable in a National Hunt flat race at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good).
Selection: SCOTTON BANKS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
C Parker	4	12	33.3	A Thornton	3	10	30.0
P Cheesbrough	6	19	31.6	N Bentley	8	30	26.7
G Moore	17	61	27.9	G McCourt	14	56	25.0
M W Easterby	9	33	27.3	C Grant	35	153	22.9
M H Easterby	13	68	19.1	P Niven	21	120	17.5
J Johnson	17	93	18.3	L Wyer	14	84	16.7

☐ Wootton Rivers, trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam and ridden by Darryll Holland, was last of nine to Henri van de Poele's Matarun in the Prix Exbury at Saint-Cloud on Saturday.

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101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.20 HAZLERIGG HANDICAP CHASE (£2,736: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

301 1F811F SIR PETER LELY 16 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (J Doyle Ltd) M Hammond 7-12-0 ... Mr C Bonner (7) 95
302 152U50 KUSHBALOO 60 (D,F,G) (R Anderson Green) C Parker 9-11-9 ... B Storey 96
303 61-P350 STEPFASTER 86 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Wyatt) Miss L Siddall 9-10-11 ... A Thornton (3) 95
304 332F4-P STRONG SOUND 19 (S) (Mrs H Scotto) P Cheesbrough 7-10-8 ... K Johnson 98
305 1PP2P6 ZAM BEE 10 (CD,F,G,S) (J Anthony) W Reed 8-10-8 ... C Grant 98
306 4P1324 NIGHT GUEST 82 (C,D,F,G,S) (J G Fiddes) P Monteith 12-10-7 ... A Dobbin 96
307 PP04-21 DEADLINE 13 (B,D,G,S) (S Chadwick) S Chadwick 11-10-0 ... Miss J Thurlow 99
308 131435 ABSAILOR 48 (V,F,G) (Lady Harris) Mrs S Bradburne 10-10-0 ... P Williams (3)

Long handicap: Absailor 9-13.

BETTING: 2-1 Sir Peter Lely, 4-1 Deadline, 6-1 Night Guest, 7-1 Stepfaster, 8-1 Zam Bee, 10-1 Kushbaloo, 12-1 Strong Sound, 14-1 Absailor.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SIR PETER LELY beat DEADLINE (5lb better off) 2¼l in 9-runner amateur riders' handicap chase at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good) with ABSAILOR (7lb better off) 10¼l 5th. ZAM BEE 5l 2nd of 5 to Deep Dawn in handicap chase at Ayr (2m 4f, good to soft). NIGHT GUEST 14l 2nd of 7 to Lupy Minstrel in handicap chase at Sedgefield (2m 5f, good to soft). DEADLINE beat Chiasso Forte 6l in 6-runner amateur riders' handicap chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). ABSAILOR 9l 3rd to Baldino in 5-runner handicap chase at Kelso (2m 1f, soft).
Selection: ZAM BEE

3.50 MELTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,788: 3m) (11 runners)

401 11-P011 ATTADALE 2 (C,D,F,G,S) (C McGhie) L Lungo 8-12-4 (4ex) ... I Jardine (7)
402 4-20030 POLISHING 6 (V,C,F,G,S) (J Gordon) M Hammond 7-11-5 ... S Lyons (5) 88
403 2615020 LEADING PROSPECT 2 (B,S) (J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 7-10-12 ... B Storey 87
404 31-103P TROODOS 6 (C,F,G) (Scotnorth Racing Ltd) Mrs S Austin 8-10-12 ... D Wilkinson 87
405 P63/3-0P JESTERS PROSPECT 105 (S) (J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 10-10-10 P Williams (3) –
406 11/13P-P THISTLEHOLM 10 (F,G,S) (W Nelson) M Hammond 8-10-9 ... D Bentley (3) 83
407 1-13F83 IT'S THE PITS 9 (BF,G,S) (Carrie Group) L Lungo 7-10-5 ... C Grant 89
408 P60011- PALANQUIN 380 (B,CD,F,S) (R Fales) W Reed 12-10-4 ... Miss P Robson 85
409 2-20503 VALIANT DASH 10 (D,F,G,S) (J Goldie) J Goldie 8-10-0 ... Mr D Parker (5) 90
410 1050-50 SEXY MOVER 149 (G,S) (A Crook) W Storey 7-10-0 ... K Johnson 83
411 1/P0231 HUSO 5 (F) (G Cole) P Haslam 6-10-0 (4ex) ... J Callaghan 89

Long handicap: Sexy Mover 9-12, Huso 9-11 (4ex).

BETTING: 6-4 Attadale, 4-1 It's The Pits, 6-1 Huso, 8-1 Leading Prospect, Palanquin, 10-1 Valiant Dash, 12-1 Polishing, 14-1 Troodos, 16-1 others.

1993: TALLYWAGGER 6-11-7 N Stocks (7-2) G Moore 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ATTADALE beat Fast Thoughts 10l in 13-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 6f 110yd, soft). LEADING PROSPECT 2l 2nd of 6 to Jendee in a handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (3m 3f 110yd, good to soft).
TROODOS 11l 3rd of 13 to Fortune's Girl in handicap hurdle at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good). IT'S THE PITS 1½l 3rd of 8 to Sweet City in Ayr handicap hurdle (2m 4f, soft). PALANQUIN beat Midland Lad a neck in 5-runner handicap hurdle at Doncaster (3m 110yd, good to firm). HUSO beat Kir 2l in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 5f 110yd, firm).
Selection: IT'S THE PITS (nap)

4.20 BRUNTON NOVICES CHASE (£2,509: £2,509: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

501 213145 SHEILAS HILLCREST 37 (D,S) (N Mason) N Mason 8-12-1 ... J Supple (5) 85
502 FF6346 EDEN SUNSET 58 (R Collins) R Collins 8-11-3 ... P Niven 87
503 3/43PP2 GREENFIELD MANOR 17 (N Chamberlain) N Chamberlain 7-11-3 ... A Merrigan 97
504 0/0/6- KINROYAL 360 (Mrs E Jestin) F Jestin 9-11-3 ... A Roche (5) –
505 11-6422 SILVER STICK 14 (F,G,S) (Lord Manton) M W Easterby 7-11-3 ... R Garritty
506 00/P SNOOK POINT 17 (I Jordon) R Lamb 7-11-3 ... B Storey –

BETTING: 7-4 Silver Stick, 5-2 Greenfield Manor, 6-1 Sheilas Hillcrest, 7-1 Eden Sunset, 16-1 others.

1993: HOUGHTON 7-11-3 L Wyer (2-1) M W Easterby 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHEILA'S HILLCREST beat Highly Decorated 1¼l in 6-runner novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, soft). Earlier beat Able Player 6l in a 3-runner novice chase at Sedgefield (2m 5f, good to soft). EDEN SUNSET 3½l 3rd of 15 to Arthur's Minstrel in a novice chase at Newcastle (3m, good to soft). GREENFIELD MANOR 15l 2nd of 8 to Clyde Ranger in a novice chase at Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, soft) with SNOOK POINT pulled up. SILVER STICK 1½l 2nd of 8 to Meleagris in a novice chase at Doncaster (3m, good to firm).
Selection: SHEILA'S HILLCREST

4.50 NEWCASTLE BROWN ALE TOP OF THE NORTH RACING NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,124: 2m 4f) (17 runners)

601 303261 FORTUNE'S GIRL 23 (D,G) (Million In Mind) M Hammond 6-11-10 ... Mr C Bonner (7)
602 136255 FREE TRANSFER 13 (F) (Miss J Rae) Miss J Rae 5-11-5 ... A Dobbin 95
603 432304 HIGH MIND 14 (J Wilson) Miss L Siddall 5-11-3 ... A Thornton (3) 97
604 P2P-12P SHAWWELL 85 (CD,G) (Mrs J Straker) J Charlton 7-11-2 ... B Storey 97
605 35-0435 MONTRAVE 23 (D St Clair) R Allan 5-11-1 ... N Doughty 93
606 523400 ERZADJAN 14 (B,C,G) (D Hall) N Tinkler 4-11-0 ... G McCourt 96
607 63P6P0 STRONG DEEL 17 (J Stephenson) W Reed 6-10-8 ... L Wyer 90
608 200002 RED TEMPEST 8 (J Goldie) J Goldie 8-10-5 ... Mr D Parker (5) 97
609 0-04100 JUKE BOX BILLY 58 (D,F) (T Paterson) J Johnson 6-10-6 ... A Larnach (3) 95
610 0006 GERMAN LEGEND 13 (R Lamb) R Lamb 4-10-5 ... A Merrigan 89
611 0000P THE PIPE FITTER 32 (B) (G & P Barker/Globe Eng) J J O'Neill 6-10-4 ... A Roche (5) 81
612 262 GOLDMIRE 12 (W Tinning) W Tinning 4-10-4 ... S Turner 89
613 /260-P0 GLASTONDALE 6 (S Gibbons) J Birkett 8-10-0 ... E McKinley –
614 0P0/303 MAHONG 30F (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 6-10-0 ... V Slattery 89
615 F0P0 ADMISSION 17 (N Chamberlain) N Chamberlain 4-10-0 ... C Grant –
616 00U- CA-KNOWE 402 (C Whillans) A Whillans 5-10-0 ... M Moloney –
617 FPP060 PANTO LADY 8 (Mrs K Lamb) Mrs K Lamb 8-10-0 ... Miss S Lamb (7) 74

Long handicap: Glastondale 9-13, Mahong 9-8, Admission 8-12, Ca-Knowe 8-8, Panto Lady 7-11.

BETTING: 4-1 Fortune's Girl, 5-1 Red Tempest, 6-1 High Mind, 7-1 Goldmire, 8-1 Erzadjan, 10-1 Shawwell, Juke Box Billy, 12-1 Montrave, 14-1 others.

1993: MISTIC GLEN 4-11-5 N Smith (10-1) J Parkes 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

FORTUNE'S GIRL beat The Green Fool 6l in a 13-runner handicap hurdle at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good) with RED TEMPEST (18lb better off) 34l 11th. FREE TRANSFER 3¾l 2nd of 8 to Farmer's Cross in a selling novice hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft). HIGH MIND 9¾l 4th of 18 to Chief Minister in a handicap hurdle at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to firm) with ERZADJAN (3lb better off) 31½l 12th. SHAWWELL 2½l 2nd of 6 to Dunhams Sunset in a novice hurdle at Carlisle (3m 110yd, good to firm).
RED TEMPEST 1l 2nd of 8 to Sweet City in a handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m 4f, soft). JUKE BOX BILLY beat RED TEMPEST 5l in a novice handicap hurdle at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: RED TEMPEST

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Uttoxeter

Going: soft (heavy in places)

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, Stylus (F Leahy, 6-1); 2, Rosgill (7-2 fav); 3, Kanndabil (5-1). 15 ran. NR: Eastern Magic, Phils Pride, Test Match. 5l, 1l. M Chapman. Tote: £7.50; £2.60, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £8.30. CSF: £32.73.

2.30 (2m 5f ch) 1, Lumberjack (J Osborne, 14-1); 2, General Pershing (6-4 fav); 3, Lake Teereen (15-8). 4 ran. 8l, 1½l. C Egerton. Tote: £8.60. DF: £6.70. CSF: £31.09.

3.00 (3m 2f ch) 1, Taramoss (J Osborne, 9-2 fav); 2, Suffolk Road (14-1); 3, Dont Tell The Wife (12-1). 12 ran. NR: Master Jolson. 4l, 10l. J Edwards. Tote: £3.70; £1.40, £6.60, £2.80. DF: £36.40. Trio: £175.90. CSF: £57.27. Tricast: £638.83.

3.35 (4m 2f ch) 1, Glenbrook D'Or (B Clifford, 10-1); 2, Its A Cracker (20-1); 3, Callmecha (10-1). Shraden Leader 4-1 fav. 15 ran. 5l, nk. A J Wilson. Tote: £14.60; £3.40, £6.30, £3.10. DF: £194.60. Trio: £918.40. CSF: £174.32. Tricast: £1,868.86.

4.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, Norstock (A Maguire, 7-1); 2, Kiwi Velocity (10-1); 3, River Pearl (3-1 fav). 11 ran. NR: Pollerton's Pride. 12l, 3½l. J White. Tote: £5.10; £1.70, £5.20, £1.60. DF: £57.10. Trio: £60.20. CSF: £65.33. Tricast: £229.03.

4.40 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Attadale (A Maguire, 6-1); 2, Fast Thoughts (9-2); 3, Isabeau (14-1). So Proud 15-8 fav. 13 ran. NR: Arr Eff Bee, Mr Taylor, Sir Crusty, Uluru, Victor Bravo. 10l, 2l. L Lungo. Tote: £6.50; £2.40, £2.00, £2.80. DF: £13.60. Trio: £56.00. CSF: £32.05. Tricast: £331.15.

5.10 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Corner Boy (A Maguire, 6-5 fav); 2, Even Blue (9-1); 3, The Frog Prince (4-1). 8 ran. ¾l, ¾l. D Nicholson. Tote: £2.30, £1.30, £1.70, £1.10. DF: £6.90. CSF: £11.50.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £16,735.77 carried forward to Newcastle today). Placepot: £4,069.50.

Chepstow

2.20 1, Whitechapel (1-2 fav); 2, Billygoat Gruff (5-1) 2: 3, Biddlestone Boy (25-1). 10 ran. NR: Overlord.

2.50 1, See Enough (9-4 jt-fav); 2, Mobile Messenger (14-1). 3, Derrymoss (9-4 jt-fav). 9 ran. NR: Deviosity, Idiom.

3.20 1, Nickle Joe (7-4 fav); 2, Far Too Loud (5-1); 3, Swatch (11-4). 6 ran.

3.50 1, Crazy Horse Dancer (14-1); 2, Marine Society (7-2); 3, Thanksfortheoffer (8-1). On The Sauce 3-1 fav. 11 ran.

4.20 1, Rafiki (2-7 fav); 2, Balda Boy (3-1). 2 ran.

4.50 1, Air Shot (4-1 jt-fav); 2, Norman's Convinced (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Luv-U-Frank (11-2). 15 ran.

5.20 1, Native Alliance (4-1); 2, Nahla (15-8 fav); 3, Far East (20-1). 13 ran. NR: Welsh Orchid, Welsh's Gamble, Woodyou.

Lingfield Park

1.55 1, Sesame Seed (3-1 jt-fav); 2, Spuffington (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Forever Shineing (7-1). 16 ran.

2.25 1, Spoonhill Wood (3-1 jt-fav); 2, Dare Say (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Squeeze Play (4-1). 6 ran.

2.55 1, Billy Boru (6-1); 2, Vagador (10-1); 3, Sorbiere (3-1). Bellezza 11-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Noble Insight, Texan Tycoon.

3.25 1, Yellow Spring (8-13 fav); 2, Couldnt Be Better (6-1); 3, Festival Dreams (20-1). 7 ran. NR: Unholy Alliance.

3.55 1, Kingsfold Pet (12-1), 2, Le Baron Perche (7-1); 3, Monazite (25-1). Fontanays 2-1 fav. 13 ran. NR: Feral Bay, Sylvan Sabre.

4.25 1, The Tartan Spartan (5-1); 2, Camden Belle (20-1); 3, Silvanno (15-8). Emerald Storm 8-11 fav. 4 ran. NR: Howaryadoon.

Newcastle

2.15 1, Flash Of Realm (2-1); 2, Ericolin (6-4 fav); 3, Ingletonian (25-1). 16 ran. NR: Tinstone.

2.45 1, Kenilworth Lad (4-9 fav). 2, Majority Major (5-2); 3, D'Arblay Street (50-1). 6 ran.

3.15 1, Cogent (9-4), 2, Armagret (6-4 fav); 3, He Who Dares Wins (9-4). 5 ran. NR: Carousel Calypso.

3.45 1, Ballon (7-1); 2, Weaver George (8-1). 3, Ousel (11-4 fav). 10 ran.

4.15 1, Full O'Praise (13-8 jt-fav); 2, Golden Isle (13-8 jt-fav); 3, Highlandman (5-1). 7 ran.

4.45 1, Northumbrian King (11-2); 2, Notable Exception (7-2 fav); 3, Forward Glen (16-1). 9 ran

Wolverhampton

7.00 1, Zacaroon (4-1), 2, Hit The Canvas (9-4 jt-fav), 3, Wild Rose Of York (5-1). Chastize 9-4 jt-fav. 10 ran.

7.30 1, Farmer Jock (16-1); 2, Simmie's Special (13-8 fav), 3, Stamshaw (20-1). 8 ran. NR. Smiling Sun.

8.00 1, Wild Ace (3-1); 2, P G Tips (7-4 fav); 3, Alpine Johnny (8-1). 8 ran.

8.30 1, Brackenthwaite (4-1). 2, Lowawatha (12-1), 3, Pop To Stans (12-1). Themaam 3-1 fav. 9 ran.

9.00 1, Second Colours (4-6 fav); 2, Eastleigh (8-1); 3, Come On Dancer (33-1) 11 ran.

9.30 1, Mlingavie (9-2); 2, Warren Street (16-1), 3, Well And Truly (5-1). Broughtons Formula 2-1 fav. 8 ran. NR: Malamute Saloon.

PLUMPTON

THUNDERER

2.30 Googly. 3.00 Betty Hayes. 3.30 Baylord Prince. 4.00 Lady Ghislaine. 4.30 Royal Square. 5.00 Donna's Token.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) SIS

2.30 PEASE POTTAGE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,543: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

1 14 GOOGLY 33 (BF,S) J White 5-11-3 ... A Maguire
2 0P4 BARBIN BOY 7 J Long 5-11-2 ... Leesa Long –
3 0P6 EAGLES LAIR 25 D Marks 8-11-2 ... S McNeill 78
4 30P- FERENS HALL 44P M Roberts 7-11-2 ... N Williamson 72
5 0 NEOLOGIST 14 J O'Donoghue 8-11-2 ... S Earle –
6 3-5 SHANAKEE 7 J Ffitch-Heyes 7-11-2 ... E Murphy 88
7 STARSHADOW D Tucker 5-11-2 ... J Neaves (7) –
8 00-0 WANOVOWERS 107 (S) G Pritchard-Gordon 6-11-2 ... S Smith Eccles –
9 FP LB'S GIRL 33 J Poulton 5-10-11 ... J Kavanagh –
10 F0 YELLOW CORN 42 D Grissell 5-10-11 ... Peter Hobbs –
11 0P KING'S GOLD 16 T Jones 4-10-8 ... B Powell –
12 5 PULMICORT 177F Mrs M Jones 4-10-8 ... D Gallagher –

15-8 Googly, 6-1 Eagles Lair, 13-2 Wanovowers, 8-1 Ferens Hall, 9-1 Yellow Corn, 12-1 Pulmicort, 16-1 others.

3.00 HEMSLEY ORRELL PARTNERSHIP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,832: 3m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 5R3P THE LEGGETT 9 (B,F,G,S) A Jessop 11-12-0 ... R Bellamy –
2 32U1 BETTY HAYES 12 (D,F,G,S) R Alner 10-11-12 ... P Carey (7) 94
3 6U13 SHASTON 21 (B,CD,F,G,S) W G M Turner 9-11-9 ... P Holley
4 P212 ROSITARY 12 (B,CD,BF,F,S) P Winkworth 11-11-5 J Osborne 90
5 3154 MISS FERN 55 (CD,F,G,S) R Dickin 9-11-0 ... D Meredith (3) 94

9-4 Betty Hayes, 11-4 Miss Fern, 3-1 Rositary, 7-2 Shaston, 12-1 The Leggett.

3.30 MARCH SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,876: 2m 1f) (9)

1 21-2 DAYS OF THUNDER 21 (CD,S) J White 6-11-10 ... A Maguire 90
2 3143 COBB GATE 18 (B,D,S) B Stevens 6-10-7 ... M Stevens 96
3 3110 BAYLORD PRINCE 3 (CD,S) R Hoad 6-10-5 ... M Hoad 98
4 50-0 ACROSS THE CARD 3 A Moore 6-10-0 ... D Gallagher 88
5 045F KALAMOSS 74 (F) N Mitchell 5-10-0 ... Miss S Mitchell (7)
6 -0PP BELLE LOCK 7 D Tucker 6-10-0 ... J Neaves (7) –
7 5-PU FIVE CASTLES 3 (F) G Enright 6-10-0 ... M Perrett 88
8 0P54 MISS PARKES 25 P Clarke 5-10-0 ... O Burrows (7) –
9 05P0 ALTESSE ROXANNE 19 Mrs L Jewell 5-10-0 Mr B Pollock (7) –

15-8 Days Of Thunder, 11-4 Baylord Prince, 7-2 Cobb Gate, 12-1 Five Castles, 16-1 others.

4.00 OFFHAM NOVICES CHASE (£2,277: 2m) (6)

1 4-21 LADY GHISLAINE 11 (G,S) J White 7-11-5 ... A Maguire
2 -400 EXACT ANALYSIS 47 (S) N Mitchell 8-11-4 ... G Upton –
3 2623 HANDSOME NED 33 (BF,G,S) D Grissell 8-11-4 ... J Railton 88
4 3P03 PRESENT TIMES 32 (F,G,S) A Taylor 8-11-4 ... B Clifford –
5 -400 GREEN WALK 11 R Rowe 7-10-13 ... C Burnett-Wells (5) –
6 -PPP QUEENS CURATE 146 Mrs E Scott 7-10-13 ... B Powell –

1-2 Lady Ghislaine, 7-2 Handsome Ned, 14-1 Green Walk, Present Times, 16-1 Exact Analysis, 33-1 Queens Curate.

4.30 FOX HILL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,464: 3m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 3UP1 PUNCH'S HOTEL 19 (S) R Rowe 9-11-10 C Burnett-Wells (5) 95
2 6634 ROYAL SQUARE 98 (G,S) G Harwood 8-11-2 ... M Perrett 90
3 P0R2 BLAKEINGTON 9 (B) N Mitchell 8-10-12 ... D Skyrme –
4 0-4U FREDDY OWEN 18 J White 8-10-5 ... A Maguire
5 A4-0 GINGER DIP 45 Mrs N Berry 12-10-1 ... B Powell 92
6 P-PP SALVAGER 97 (S) J Poulton 10-10-0 ... R Rowell –

5-2 Punch's Hotel, 3-1 Freddy Owen, 7-2 Ginger Dip, 4-1 Royal Square, 10-1 Blakeington, 20-1 Salvager.

5.00 LEWES AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,046: 2m 4f) (16)

1 1PSF NATHIR 12 (S) P Butler 8-11-10 ... J Durkan (3) –
2 0P58 MANHATTAN BOY 7 (CD,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 12-11-8 ... G Hogan (7)
3 5P34 THE MRS 7 (BF,F,S) J Mullins 8-11-3 ... S Righton (7) 96
4 100- RIBOVINO 451 (C,F,G,S) P Jones 11-11-1 ... L Baker (7) 89
5 23-2 GLEN MIRAGE 9 (F) Mrs F White 9-10-13 ... Miss S White (7) 90
6 P046 PRIZE MATCH 24 (S) N Gaselee 5-10-8 ... M Armytage 98
7 5U00 DIRECTORS' CHOICE 81 (CD,F,G) T Mills 9-10-7 ... C Hancock (7) –
8 351- BEE DEE BOY 296 (B) P Clarke 6-10-7 ... P Clarke (7) 87
9 -P22 MILLY BLACK 63 (V,S) L Snook 6-10-6 ... Mrs J Gault (7) 85
10 -056 VILLA PARK 28 (F,S) G Wareham 12-10-5 ... J Rees (7) 89
11 -530 DONNA'S TOKEN 54 (F,G) R Brown 9-10-5 ... R Johnson (7) 98
12 0U5- ANDY BOY 314 (F) C Broad 10-10-4 ... Miss C Cooper (7) –
13 0-31 AUGUST TWELFTH 26 (S) D O'Brien 6-10-0 ... R White (7) 90
14 S605 MILDRED SOPHIA 19 (S) N Mitchell 7-10-0 Miss S Mitchell (7) 86
15 F/0- CONNABEE 322 J Poulton 10-10-0 ... F Telford (7) –
16 64PP ARCTICFLOW 7 N Thomson 9-10-0 ... S Davis (7) –

4-1 The Mrs, 11-2 Milly Black, 9-1 Prize Match, 10-1 August Twelfth, 12-1 Glen Mirage, Villa Park, 14-1 Donna's Token, Manhattan Boy, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Alner, 4 winners from 11 runners, 36.4%; P Jones, 6 from 22, 27.3%; J White, 33 from 126, 26.2%; G Harwood, 5 from 24, 20.8%; D Grissell, 12 from 58, 20.9%; N Mitchell, 4 from 23, 17.4%; R Rowe, 6 from 43, 14.0%.

JOCKEYS: : S Smith Eccles, 7 from 24, 29.2%; A Maguire, 33 from 117, 28.2%; : J Osborne, 10 from 42, 23.8%, : N Williamson, 6 from 27, 22.2%, : M Perrett, 13 from 64, 20.3%; S Earle, 5 from 25, 20.0%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 2.10 Lyph.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

2.10 Lyph. 2.40 Gobsmacked. 3.10 Phoneaholic. 3.40 BRACKENTHWAITE (nap). 4.10 Present Situation. 4.40 Queenford Belle.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 MINT CLAIMING STAKES (£2,743: 1m 5f) (6 runners)

1 R-60 AZUREUS 6 (F) J Harris 5-8-10 ... Dean McKeown 2
2 0/0- FEELING FOOLISH 102J (B) B Forsey 5-8-8 ... L Dettori 4
3 0010 QUALITAIR AVIATOR 6 (CD,F,G) J Bottomley 8-8-8 G Bardwell 3
4 050 TELMAR SYSTEMS 14 K Ivory 5-8-6 ... M Wigham 5
5 4610 LYPH 7J (V,CD,G) P Hedger 8-8-4 ... S Dawson 6
6 6-44 ANN HILL 62 (C,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-1 ... A Garth (5) 1

6-4 Qualitair Aviator, 9-4 Lyph, 5-1 Ann Hill, 8-1 Azureus, 12-1 Feeling Foolish, 25-1 Telmar Systems

2.40 SAGE MAIDEN STAKES (£3,260: 1m) (8)

1 0/5- MILL BURN 25J I Campbell 5-9-12 ... C Hodgson (3) 3
2 PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE 23J R Hannon 4-9-12 ... L Dettori 8
3 00- COOL ETOILE 175 R Hollinshead 4-9-7 ... A Eddery (7) 4
4 0044 LITTLE MISS RIBOT 41 R O'Sullivan 4-9-7 ... D Biggs 6
5 000- SUI GENERIS 203 B Llewellyn 4-9-7 ... T Williams 7
6 6-2 GOBSMACKED 6 (BF) W Haggas 3-8-9 ... M Tebbutt 2
7 250- LADY WILLIAMS 173 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-4 ... D Harrison 5
8 0 SYLVAN CELEBRATION 6 M Johnston 3-8-4 ... J Weaver 1

5-4 Gobsmacked, 5-2 Lady Williams, 5-1 Pre-Emptive Strike, 16-1 Little Miss Ribot, 25-1 others.

3.10 DILL HANDICAP (£3,655: 6f) (6)

1 -632 PHONEAHOLIC 16 (B,CD,G) B Meehan 9-7 ... Paul Eddery 6
2 1131 ROCKETEER 37 (B,CD,G) W Muir 9-7 ... Kim McDonnell 3
3 401- PELAMIS 119 (D,G) P Howling 9-4 ... W Ryan 4
4 51-4 MUZZ 72 (BF,G) M Johnston 9-0 ... J Weaver 1
5 3513 MONSIEUR PETONG 4 (CD,G) M Channon 8-10 R Painter (7) 2
6 2333 DANCE OF THE SWANS 14 (G,S) J Harris 8-9 Dean McKeown 5

11-4 Phoneaholic, 100-30 Rocketeer, 4-1 Muzz, 5-1 Monsieur Petong, 6-1 Dance of The Swans, 8-1 Pelamis.

3.40 ROSEMARY HANDICAP (£3,590: 1m 2f) (8)

1 1213 BEVERLY KNIGHT 16 (CD,G) D Murray Smith 4-10-0 C Rutter 2
2 110- ROYAL INTERVAL 235 (F,G) W G M Turner 4-10-0 T Sprake 6
3 0561 BRACKENTHWAITE 2 (B,CD,G) T Barron 4-9-5 (6ex) J Fortune 1
4 3120 AWESOME POWER 27 (CD,G) J Hills 8-9-2 ... A Clark 8
5 4315 EXHIBIT AIR 16 (B,CD,G) P Howling 4-8-9 ... L Dettori 5
6 0-55 ABSOLUTELY FACT 20 (CD,G) Allan Smith 4-8-2 ... G Carter 7
7 6800 PIGALLE WONDER 4 (B,CD,G) R O'Sullivan 6-7-10 ... D Biggs 3
8 -064 MODESTO 4 (V,CD,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 6-7-7 N Carlisle 4

3-1 Brackenthwaite, 7-2 Exhibit Air, 4-1 Beverly Knight, 5-1 Awesome Power, 13-2 Absolutely Fact, 12-1 Royal Interval, 16-1 Modesto, 20-1 Pigalle Wonder

4.10 MARJORAM HANDICAP (£2,669: 7f) (13)

1 -542 ZEBOIM 34 (B,C,F,G) W Muir 8-10-0 ... Kim McDonnell 3
2 0500 DAAHEERA 13 (C,G,S) P Howling 4-9-9 ... D Biggs 10
3 -616 OLD COMRADES 30 (D,F,G) T Barron 7-9-3 ... J Fortune 9
4 2350 SPEEDY CLASSIC 17 (B,C,G) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-2 ... Stephen Davies (3) 13
5 -055 UMBRIA 30 (BF,S) R O'Sullivan 5-9-1 ... A Clark 11
6 4234 HAWAYMYSON 56 T George 4-9-0 ... J Weaver 8
7 6044 CHRISTOPH'S GIRL 16 (D,F,G) Allan Smith (Bel) 5-8-13 ... L Dettori 4
8 0-04 BILL MOON 51 (CD,F,G) P Felden 8-8-7 ... P McCabe (5) 5
9 220- ZIMBAQ 145 (D,F,G,S) C Benstead 8-8-6 ... T Williams 2
10 0-46 POSSIBILITY 27 (B) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-1 ... A Munro 1
11 6-05 PRESENT SITUATION 21 Lord Huntingdon 3-7-11 ... D Harrison 12
12 6526 SHARP IMP 23 (B) R Flower 4-7-10 ... A Mackay 7
13 00-4 MYJINKA 30 (B) J O'Donoghue 4-7-7 ... M Baird (7) 6

4-1 Hawaymyson, 9-2 Christoph's Girl, 5-1 Zeboim, 13-2 Speedy Classic, 7-1 Old Comrades, 8-1 Sharp Imp, Umbria, 16-1 others.

4.40 THYME NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,436: 2m) (4)

1 DRUMMOND WARRIOR T Thomson Jones 5-11-5 ... D Meade
2 2 QUEENFORD BELLE 39 P Hobbs 4-10-6 ... T Jenks (3)
3 ROSIE-B R Simpson 4-10-6 ... J Banks (5)
4 4 WINNOW 25 J White 4-10-6 ... P McLoughlin (7)

4-11 Queenford Belle, 4-1 Winnow, 7-1 Drummond Warrior, 20-1 Rosie-B

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Johnston, 28 winners from 125 runners, 22.4%, Lord Huntingdon, 22 from 100, 22.0%, D Murray-Smith, 16 from 76, 21.1%, R Hollinshead, 16 from 77, 20.8%; T Barron, 10 from 49, 20.4%; J Bottomley, 3 from 15, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 47 winners from 148 rides, 31.8%; J Weaver, 18 from 77, 23.4%; : R Painter, 3 from 14, 21.4%; Dean McKeown, 29 from 152, 19.1%; A Munro, 18 from 107, 16.8%, W Ryan, 25 from 155, 16.1%.

O'Brien plans appeal

AIDEN O'Brien, the Irish trainer, has appealed against the decision of the Cheltenham stewards not to promote Minella Lad to second in last Thursday's Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). Minella Lad was hampered after the last by Avro Anson, who was demoted from first in favour of Balasani.

United slowed down as Cantona digs his heel in


Cantona: dismissed



Simon Barnes sees the leaders of the Premiership struggle to cope with adversity at Swindon

Manchester United's case of last-lap nerves is getting more acute with every passing week. In the last four weekends, they have lost one, drawn two — and been lucky to get away with them — and won one. On Saturday, they clung on for a 2-2 draw against Swindon Town.

And in the last two weekends, they have had a player sent off. Last weekend, it was Peter Schmeichel, rushing madly from his goal; this weekend, it was Eric Cantona, showing the same lack of discipline, the same sense of corporate desperation, the same inability to cope with adversity. For the first time in months, they have tasted the fear of failure.

As United went into this four-week period, they had been producing performances to purr about, results to roar about. They were a team on the cusp of greatness. It seemed that we were watching history being woven before our eyes: did you ever see the great United side of '94, Grandad?

Instead, in the last four weeks, we have watched history being unravelled. The famous treble is still a possibility but, increasingly, the battle on three fronts seems to have unhinged them. For judgment they have substituted arrogance; for confidence, conceit; for respect, fear.

No team in the land is better at colossal triumphs. So many times, a United match has become a glorious romp through the sweet factory of football. But in the past four weekends, when teams have been able to make a fight of it, United have come unstuck. Denied the sweets of success on Saturday, they threw the toys from the pram.

"He must think cricket's an easy game," Richie Benaud is wont to say when a player finds the Midas touch briefly descends on him. United have been guilty of thinking football an easy game.

But in recent weeks, United have been asked tough questions and have failed to answer. When football ceases to be easy, they have forgotten what to do.

On Saturday, they took on the bottom club the weekend before the Coca-Cola Cup final at Wembley. They came prepared for a cakewalk. When they did not get it, they seemed miffed: miffed with their opponents, miffed with the referee, miffed with the crowd, miffed with each other, miffed with life.

They reminded me of the aristocrat getting on a bus for the first time and demanding of the conductor: "Take me to Eaton Square". The nobs were unable to cope with the realities of life.

They started out with a characteristically sublime goal after 13 minutes, an ooh-ah touch from Cantona and a cross from Hughes so perfect that half the press-box would have fancied their chances of scoring from it. Keane did.

But Swindon fought for everything and United did not care for that at all. Settle down, chaps, we've got an important match next week. Such thinking undid United. It became a match of increasingly foul tempers, United playing in a little fog of sulkiness and resentment.

Nijholt's goal, a hefty whack with a deflection from 30 yards, made a battle of the afternoon. Ince seemed to have settled it with a 30-yard shot of his own that gave United back the lead, but in the contest for the foulest temper, Cantona won effortlessly.

A minute after Ince's goal, Moncur tackled Cantona and attempted to hold him back with a tangle of legs. That elegant, unpredictable, explosive back-heel is Cantona's trade mark. This time he performed the trick on Moncur's body.

Cantona said that his father had told him always to look up before receiving the ball. Perhaps papa should have told him to look up before back-heeling the opposition. The referee, Brian Hill, an old *bête noir* of Manchester United, was right beside him.

It was not as dangerous as an over-the-top boot or concussing elbow. But it was outrageously defiant of law and custom; he had to go. His three-match automatic suspension will cover the important league match against Blackburn as well as the FA Cup semi-final.

Last weekend, the sending-off of Schmeichel galvanised United into playing like themselves. The loss of Cantona did no such thing. They got worse and a hideous series of defensive gaffes gave Swindon the draw.

The equalising goal came as Schmeichel came off this line and mispunched. It says volumes — shelf-fulls — for United's defence that three successive Swindon players each had a swing for goal as a result. Fjortoft, the third, was at last cool enough to make half-decent contact and bang went United's win.

Squabbling and bitching, they marched towards their draw, seeking physical contact or taking pains to avoid it, depending on individual temperament. Any thought of footballing greatness could be set aside for a while.

SWINDON (4-4-2): F Digby — A Whitbread, B Kimble, S Taylor, K Horlock (sub: M Ling, 78min) — N Summerbee, L Sanchez, J Moncur, L Nijholt — J Fjortoft, F McAvennie (sub: K Scott, 71).
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-1-1): P Schmeichel — D Irwin, P Pallister, S Bruce, P Parker — R Giggs, P Ince, B McClair, R Keane — E Cantona, M Hughes.
Referee: B Hill

Armstrong enhances Palace's healthy position

Crystal Palace 2
Charlton Athletic 0

BY KEITH PIKE

ONLY two goals separated Crystal Palace and Charlton Athletic yesterday but the gulf between them is better represented by the 13 points by which Palace now lead their south London neighbours in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division after their victory at Selhurst Park.

For Palace to falter now, with a return to the FA Carling Premiership beckoning, would require a drastic loss of form. They have lost only one of their last 11 matches — the midweek reverse at Roker Park — and of their remaining ten games, only one is against a team in the top eight. They were good value for this win, which re-established a five-point advantage at the top of the table.

"When you count the number of £1 million-plus players in their side, they are playing in a different league to us," Alan Curbishley, the Charlton co-manager, said. That, he believed, was the crucial difference, but he added: "They are also extremely professional. We have played Blackburn Rovers and Manchester United in the Cup recently and Palace do all the things the top sides do."

Charlton, after four successive and morale-sapping defeats, are in danger of slipping out of the promotion picture, although Curbishley pointed out that they now have a run of home games in which to regroup. Yesterday, though, they had no answer to Palace's midfield powerhouse and the finishing of Chris Armstrong and Paul Stewart, who got a goal apiece.

Neither might have been playing. Stewart is on loan from Liverpool and, had he not resisted Nigeria's overtures, Armstrong would have spent yesterday in Tunis preparing for African Nations' Cup duty and an eventual World Cup stage this summer. His international chance will come with England, Alan Smith, the Palace manager, insists.

"I genuinely believe he is good enough," Smith said. "It might be next season or the one after that but, eventually, he will get his chance." Smith has already advised Terry Venables, the England coach, "to have a word with Armstrong and give him a ray of hope". Venables could do worse than to follow Smith's lead.

Most of Armstrong's best work came on the ground, where his pace and persistence continually threatened to unhinge Charlton. His goal, though, was an example of his strength in the air, after a perfectly timed run had allowed him to meet Rodger's corner just before half-time. It was his 21st of the season.

Stewart's goal, midway through the second period, was also a header, this at the end of a move he had initiated himself, although it owed just as much to Salako's excellent cross and Vaughan's dreadful misjudgment in the Charlton goal. Vaughan atoned with excellent saves from Armstrong and, in particular, Dyer. In the end, only he stood between Palace and the emphatic margin they deserved.

CRYSTAL PALACE (4-4-2): N Martyn — J Humphrey, E Young, C Coleman, D Gordon — R Bowry, G Southgate, S Rodger, J Salako — P Stewart (sub: B Dyer, 78 min), C Armstrong.
CHARLTON ATHLETIC: (4-4-2): J Vaughan — S Brown, A McLeary, S Balmer, S Mintо — M Robson (sub: P Chapple, 79), A Pardew, D Pitcher, C Walsh — G Nelson (sub: K Grant, 78), C Leaburn.
Referee: J Rushton.

Wembley-bound Villa justly jeered

Oldham's flashes of excellence lighten the gloom

Aston Villa 1
Oldham Athletic 2

BY OLIVER HOLT

NEIL Pointon stood on the touchline, eyes scanning the roof of the main stand, hands outstretched as if in a gesture of supplication. The ball was up there somewhere, courtesy of the right boot of Paul McGrath, and Pointon wanted it back. By that stage, early in the second half of what had been a match of unremitting mediocrity, most of the crowd would have been happy to see it stay where it was.

A few minutes later, Villa scored. The goal epitomised an hour of a game that was a celebration of ineptitude served up by teams trying to play neat football but failing. Stephen Froggatt's 57th-minute corner was underhit, Pointon's clearance was mishit and Froggatt's second cross did not pass within six feet of any of his own players but Steve Redmond, the Oldham centre back, toe-poked it into his own net at the far post when he could have let it trickle out of play. It was a fitting epitaph for the first two-thirds of the match, a litany of unforced errors, mistimed runs and misdirected passes, clumsy control and poor finishing.

Villa play Manchester United in the Coca-Cola Cup final next Sunday, Oldham play United in an FA Cup semi-final next month. This was a distinctly bread-and-butter match.

On one of the few occasions Villa could have prised an opening, Dean Saunders lacked the confidence to pass crossfield to Froggatt, unmarked on the touchline, who was screaming for the ball and was dismayed when it was not passed to him. On another, Froggatt returned the insult, blasting the ball wide from a tight angle when Saunders was free in the box. Saunders berated him at length.

Villa, whose performance in their midweek defeat at Leeds United was described as "disgusting" by their manager, Ron Atkinson, were the more culpable side. "I am not surprised the fans were booing at the end," Atkinson said. "I started it. Our young lads are playing in the Southern Floodlit Cup final next week or they might be playing against United."

Bereft of ideas in attack and naive in defence — three players tried in vain to beat Darren Beckford to a header, leaving Andy Ritchie free to run on to his flick — Villa's hopes of finishing high enough to qualify for Europe look like vaulting over-ambition.

Oldham's play was at least infused with the urgency of the need to climb away from their perennial late-season position in the relegation zone. In Richard Graham, starting only his second game, they had a precocious centre-back to admire and their late fightback ensured that the match's abiding memories were two examples of footballing excellence hurtling out of the gloom.

In the 66th minute, Mike Milligan's through ball released Nick Henry on the left: his cross was met on the half-volley by Beckford ten yards out and deftly directed into the roof of the net past Mark Bosnich. Seven minutes later, after Sean McCarthy had been fouled on the edge of the area by Kevin Richardson, Rick Holden's free-kick dipped and swerved like one of Brazil's best past the Australian goalkeeper for Oldham's winner.

Oldham have now lost only one of their last six games and the escape act looks possible again. All around them, teams drew or lost on Saturday, news that was not lost on Joe Royle, their manager. "Absolutely bloody marvellous, that," he said. "I'm going to look for Big Ron now. It was his birthday yesterday but I think I might have spoilt it."

ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M Bosnich — E Barrett, S Teale, P McGrath, S Staunton — K Richardson, R Houghton, G Parker, S Froggatt — D Saunders (sub: D Yorke, 75min), G Fenton.
OLDHAM ATHLETIC (4-4-2): J Hallworth — C Makin, S Redmond, R Graham, N Pointon — A Ritchie (sub: R Palmer, 84), N Henry, M Milligan, R Holden — D Beckford, S McCarthy
Referee: J Worrall.

☐ Speculation that Paul Gascoigne could be on his way back to England was renewed when he missed Lazio's match against Napoli yesterday after the recurrence of a rib injury.

ANDREW COULDRIDGE


Campbell, of Tottenham, shields the ball from Kiwomya, the Ipswich scorer at White Hart Lane

Outlook improving for Ardiles

Tottenham Hotspur 1
Ipswich Town 1

BY KEITH PIKE

THERE is the unlikely, and then there is the unimaginable. England may have crossed the Wales line at Twickenham on Saturday, and taken the odd West Indies wicket in Guyana, but it was probably asking too much of Tottenham Hotspur to win a league game, especially at White Hart Lane.

Five months have now elapsed since they last triumphed in front of their supporters in the FA Carling Premiership and, here, their success was in making Ipswich Town, for 45 minutes at least, look the most attractive team in England when it is debatable whether they are the most attractive team in Ipswich. Home, for Osvaldo Ardiles, the Tottenham manager, remains where the heartache is.

Tottenham were fifth when two goals in the last three minutes accounted for Everton on October 3. Thirteen home games later, they are seventeenth, just three points clear of Oldham Athletic in the relegation zone. It is probably in Tottenham's favour that of their nine remaining matches only three are in north London. But they have not won a Premiership match in 1994 and, with each passing week, relegation is becoming increasingly likely.

Yet Ardiles was decidedly chirpy on Saturday. Twenty-four hours earlier, he had toured the treatment room without tripping over bodies in the corridor and, now, even luck was on Tottenham's side.

A section in the programme was devoted to an injuries update, which did not leave much room for anything else. The news, Ardiles confirmed, was good. Of the dozen or so players under treatment, six were close to a comeback and they included Sheringham, upon whose return — and goals — Tottenham's chances of survival probably depend.

As for good fortune; two crucial refereeing decisions came in the space of three second-half minutes. Six Premiership dismissals confirm that little has escaped the attention of Gerald Ashby, the Worcestershire official, this season but he ignored Dozzell's foul on Johnson as he set up Barmby's equaliser and then Mabbutt's trip on Kiwomya, which seemed a certain penalty offence.

It would surely have been beyond Tottenham to come back twice. "We were desperate in the first half," Ardiles admitted. "While it is not against my principles to work hard and get tackles in, we are not going to get anywhere lobbing the ball forward aimlessly like that." He was, he said, "very, very angry" and let his players know it.

Johnson, very, very unchallenged as he ran 40 yards through the centre of the defence, had set up Kiwomya, very, very unmarked in the area, for Ipswich's early goal. They should have had more but Tottenham put their early embarrassments behind them and scrapped well in the second half for a point that may yet prove vital.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-1-3-2): I Walker — D Austin (sub: D Karsiakis 72min), G Mabbutt, K Stott, S Campbell — S Sedgley — D Anderton, J Dozzell, D Caskey — F Rosenthal, N Barmby.
IPSWICH TOWN (4-1-3-2): C Baker — M Stockwell, P Wesson, J Wark, G Johnson — G Williams — S Palmer, S Slater, P Mason — C Kiwomya, I Marshall.
Referee: G Ashby

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Manchester Utd	32	72	+36	WDLWD
2	Blackburn	32	67	+24	WDLWW
3	Newcastle	32	57	+30	LWWWW
4	Arsenal	32	57	+26	DDWWW
5	Leeds	33	55	+15	DDDWW
6	Liverpool	33	53	+9	LWLWW
7	Aston Villa	33	49	+6	DWLLL
8	QPR	31	47	+8	LDWDW
9	Sheffield Wed	33	45	+8	DLDLL
10	Norwich	32	44	+7	DDDLL
11	Wimbledon	32	42	-8	LWWLL
12	Ipswich	32	40	-9	DWLWD
13	Coventry	33	38	-7	WLLLL
14	West Ham	31	38	-12	DDDDL
15	Everton	32	36	-8	WDDWL
16	Chelsea	31	35	-7	LWWWL
17	Tottenham	33	33	-4	LLDDD
18	Southampton	32	32	-13	WWDDL
19	Manchester City	33	31	-14	DWDLD
20	Oldham	33	30	-23	WWDLW
21	Sheffield Utd	33	27	-21	LDDDD
22	Swindon	34	25	-43	DLDLD

Weekly change — Up — Stayed the same — Down

City fail to dispel survival doubts

Manchester City 0
Sheffield United 0

BY PETER BALL

UNEASY lies the head that wears the manager's crown at Maine Road. Manchester City's draw with Sheffield United ensured that Brian Horton survives for another week but, in the long run, the point apiece may have done neither side any favours.

"The unbeaten run is good but we need victories," Dave Bassett, the Sheffield United manager, ever the realist, said as his side claimed their fifth draw in six games. The result leaves them still four points behind City, even if they looked much more likely to escape relegation.

Sheffield may not have the big name, or the big names, of the Manchester club, but they will battle to the end. Will City? The evidence so far is not encouraging. It is a moot point whether a side needing to scrap for survival can be based on two Germans on loan until the end of the season and Paul Walsh, a player of flickering skills but without the goalscoring certainty City so desperately need.

A fierce shot from Phelan, who filled in with some success wide on the left, a free kick from Karl and a close-range effort from Walsh were the sum total of the shots to trouble Kelly. Walsh at least showed more eagerness than some of his colleagues but, at £300,000 — £500,000 if Sheffield avoid relegation — Nathan Blake looked much better value.

"Yes, he caused problems, he's a good player," Bassett said. "Whenever he or Franny Carr got hold of it, their defenders didn't know whether to have a shave or haircut."

Blake, though, was the main culprit for Sheffield's failure to score. He was also the central character as, once again, Allan Gunn showed an unfitting leniency to a guilty goalkeeper. In the second leg of the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final, Gunn's failure to apply the rules and send off Bosnich, of Aston Villa, when the goalkeeper brought down Aldridge, the Tranmere marksman, was perhaps the decisive moment in the game.

On Saturday, Blake broke free away from Kernaghan, the last defender, and was going around Coton outside the penalty area when he went flying. Play then continued as if nothing untoward had taken place.

With only a minute to go, the decision not to send Coton off probably made little difference to the result and Bassett, fairly, refused to blame the referee for his side's failure to win, but that was not the main point: "I'm not here to castigate the referee," Bassett said. "We had enough chances to have won the game. These things happen and you have to abide by it.

"Incidents with goalkeepers are so sensitive. I think keepers should be able to dive and challenge for the ball, but there is a difference. At the end of the day, Coton was on the ground out of his goal and you have to ask what was he doing outside his penalty area sliding in? And what was Schmeichel doing out there when he caught that lad against Charlton?

"Bosnich was different, because he could use his hands, but Coton couldn't handball it could he? So if he's out there, is he not going to try to make contact with Blake? You've got to be honest and own up."

Own up? The silence was deafening.

MANCHESTER CITY (4-4-2): A Coton — A Hill, A Kernaghan, M Vonk, D Brightwell — D Rocastle, S McMahon, S Karl, T Phelan — U Raesler, P Walsh
SHEFFIELD UNITED (4-4-2): A Kelly — K Gage, B Gayle, D Tuttle, P Beesley — F Carr, P Rogers, J Gannon, D Whitehouse — J Flo, N Blake.
Referee: A Gunn

Rudge dreads the deadline ring

Port Vale 1
Brentford 0

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

JOHN Rudge will sit in his spacious, tidy office at Vale Park this week, as the transfer deadline of Thursday approaches, with fear and dread. Fear that the phone will ring, making him an offer he cannot refuse; dread that Ian Taylor, a key component in Port Vale's push for promotion, will be plucked from the Potteries.

"No one enquired about Ian last week and I don't think anyone will come in now," Rudge, the Vale manager, said, unconvincingly. "And I don't really want them to. I want to see if I can build this team with him, not without him."

But what if the bid for the 25-year-old midfield player with 13 goals this season, 19 last, tops seven figures? Pause, thought, revealing response: "I've got no money to spend here. It's always been the same. I'm trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear and I have to sell before I can buy."

Life in the upper-middle regions of the Endsleigh Insurance League, and in the shadow of Stoke City, the first division club from six miles across town, can be harsh. Should an FA Carling Premiership suit descend for Taylor, a £15,000 snip from Moor Green two years ago, Rudge will wrestle with all kinds of psychological torture before allowing his starlet to move on, just as he did when Norwich City came calling for Darren Beckford, the forward, in 1991.

Beckford was also bought for £15,000, a deal part-funded by the Vale supporters, but allowed to travel down to Carrow Road for £925,000. Too skilful to lose, too valuable to keep; exit stage left.

Rudge, though, has begged and borrowed wisely during his ten years in charge and is living, if balding, proof that not all football club chairmen exist in fantasy land, where the quick fix rules. In the managerial longevity stakes, only Joe Royle, of Oldham Athletic, and Dario Gradi, of Crewe Alexandra, have avoided the axe longer.

A sense of humour helps, too. "I've been here 14 seasons altogether. Not even the Great Train Robbers got that," Rudge, 49, said. "I've been close to the sack several times but always survived, God knows how. Apart from hard work and discovering the occasional good player, there's no real secret."

Rudge lists three promotions, two relegations, a play-off final and an Autoglass Trophy capture on his Vale CV. Beating Stockport County 2-1 to win the Autoglass last year was fun but returning to Wembley eight days later and losing 3-0 to West Bromwich Albion, in the second division play-off decider, was fraught.

Burslem's intrepid bookmakers were swamped at the start of this season — Rudge was unable to get a bet on — but, still hurting and hung over from Wembley, Vale failed to justify heavy favouritism for the divisional title. Only slowly have they re-emerged and Taylor's crisp 47th-minute volley at Vale Park on Saturday, against an awkward Brentford side, secured a fourth successive league win and fourth place in the table.

They are tucked in nicely behind the leaders yet the future, for Vale, Rudge and Taylor, could now hang on a phone call. It will be answered with grim realism.

PORT VALE (4-3-3): P Musselwhite — N Aspin, P Swan, D Glover, D Stokes — I Taylor, A Porter, R Van der Laan — N Cross, M Foyle, D Lowe.
BRENTFORD (4-4-2): K Dearden — B Statham, D Thompson, J Bates, C Hutchings — L Harvey, P Smith, S Reid (sub: M Gayle) — G Nelson (sub: D Annon, 68min) — D Mundee, J Allon.
Referee: E Lomas.

Romanian playmaker disappoints in Anglo-Italian Cup final

Hagi searches for lost youth

MARC ASPLAND



Talking a good game. Hagi directs operations from midfield during Brescia's win against Notts County at Wembley yesterday

Brescia 1
Notts County 0

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

WEMBLEY has scarcely known a stranger day. In the exhumed Anglo-Italian Cup, a tournament still without a sponsor, the crowd that came to Wembley to watch the final numbered a pitiable 17,185. Did they, partisan supporters of essentially second division provincial clubs, appreciate the pathos of what they saw in the figure wearing Brescia's blue No 10 shirt?

Gheorghe Hagi, is — or rather was — a truly world-class football player. He is also a man searching for a home, searching to recapture lost youth and searching, in many ways, for true harmony with life. Hagi, last seen playing for Romania at Wembley in a World Cup match in 1985, was the pet footballer of the country's former dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

He — and the gymnast, Nadia Comaneci — enjoyed the distinction of being, in a sense, a de luxe category prisoner of Romania's detested head of State. Hagi, whose talent was known when he was 13 and who had no choice but to be transferred as soon as he reached manhood to the army club, Steaua Bucharest, run by the son of the dictator, was lauded as the "Maradona of the Carpathians".

Still barely 29, though with a telling swelling of the waistline, the onlookers inside Wembley had to glean his marvellous, flowing talent through several layers of his own disinterest yesterday. Of course, a player does not lose his skill — it is the last thing that leaves him and it was there for all to see when, in the third minute, Hagi imperiously put his foot on the ball, enticed Kevin Wilson, the Northern Ireland international, into the tackle before dragging it back with the sole of his foot, creating a yard from which to orchestrate — but he showed that ability only rarely.

There were times when the physical attentions of Notts County had him seeking space to hide. Yet, even yesterday, when the mood came to him, he could glide into overdrive with much the surprising ease.

Hagi had been unable to follow Comanaci, who defected to the United Atates. He had to wait until Ceausescu was overthrown before he could reap Western riches and then his £2 million sale to Real Madrid was a disappointment. The little midfield general with the wonderous left foot had become a drinker, a night clubber, less a footballer, more a man seeking the excesses of freedom. Sold on to Brescia, remarkably for £3 million, he is now a player in waiting, waiting for the summer's World Cup in the United States.

He is not a Romanian alone in the northern Italian City. His manager, Mircea Lucescu, who made 72 appearances on Romania's left wing, has not only Hagi but Ion Sabau and, until AC Milan bought him this season, Florin Raducioiu, the goalscorer.

Hagi had no clouds hanging over him yesterday, not even a permanent marker, only his own shadow in the bright sunlight. Yet with his appetite subdued, with Mark Draper urgently driving Notts County forward, the game was for long spells the stereotype contrast between languid Latin foreplay and the aggressive, aerial assaults of the English.

Indeed, County's most prominent weapon was the astonishing distances their winger, Legg, could launch with his throw-ins. Wilson had tested the goalkeeper, Landucci, in the second minute, Palmer demanded a close-range reflex save in the final minutes — both eminating from those enormous Legg throws — but, in between, County were all blunt-edged aggression. Six names were taken for untidy fouls.

Just after the hour, the combination of Romanian touchplay and Italian finish won the cup. It was Sabau, rather than Hagi, who prompted the goal. He was quick, energetic and timely in darting into the box. Domini spotted his run, gently looped the ball towards him and Sabau allowed it to drop over his shoulder and bounce before he flicked the ball with equal deftness to the young centre forward, Ambrosetti, inviting the finish. Ambrosetti obliged. Now Hagi, awoken by the euphoria, took a greater role in the proceedings. His pass behind Johnson should have prompted a second goal, but the piratical figure of Neri, formerly of Lazio, squandered the opportunity.

There were more subtle, but often self-indulgent touches from the No 10. He is a player who should be in his prime, but, after well over 100 appearances, from youth to senior level for his country, Hagi appears either a player in waiting for the World Cup finals or one who has become fated by riches, lost between the fear that drove sportsmen on under the Ceausescu regime and the liberty that our players take for granted, but do not have his gifts to display.

BRESCIA (3-5-2): M Landucci — G Baronchelli, S Bonometti, N Marangon — I Sabau, S Domini, F Gallo, S Giunta, G Hagi — M Schenardi (sub: M Neri, 46min), G Ambrosetti (sub: M Piovanelli, 75).
NOTTS COUNTY: (4-4-2) S Cherry — K Wilson, C Palmer, M Johnson, M Dijkstra — P Devlin, M Draper, P Turner, A Legg — G McSwegan (sub. A Agana, 72), G Lund
Referee: A Cakar (Turkey).

Scotland's play must match rebuilt setting

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

Scotland supporters are assured of a spectacle at Wednesday's friendly against Holland but first they will need to avert their eyes from the pitch. They have had plenty of practice at doing so in a couple of disappointing seasons for the national side and, this week, such behaviour will be rewarded. Hampden Park is once more a sumptuous setting.

For decades, the majestic proportions have failed to disguise a tawdry fabric. The place was sometimes evocative for the wrong reasons. The sheer discomfort of watching a match there on a foul Glasgow night readily brought to mind former, less civilised times. Now an artful redevelopment programme has eradicated the discomfort while cherishing the character of the place.

Phase one, at a cost of £12m, has entirely rebuilt two sides of the ground and installed a noble sweep of roof to cover the new seating.

A similar sum must still be raised to finish the work by building a replacement south stand, but a mounting enthusiasm for Hampden ensures that the work will be completed.

In the past a trip to the national stadium was a test of devotion. Spectators yomped through mud to approach the turnstiles. Hereafter, gumboots will not be necessary. There are, however, crucial respects in which Hampden has not changed one whit. Most other modern grounds in Britain have, for reasons of economy, conformed to the tedious shoebox shape.

Hampden, by contrast, remains a classic arena with its bowl still carrying the echoes of antiquity. It is not so fanciful to trace its lineage back to such structures as the first-century Colosseum in Rome. These stadia wrap themselves around the drama of the action they contain as if to prevent any of it slipping away.

The Scotland squad have always displayed a passion for Hampden. After all, it probably provided the backdrop to their boyhood dreams. The national side's run of five successive appearances in the final stages of the World Cup ended in the recent qualifiers when, significantly, they were decanted to Ibrox and Pittodrie. Like most lodgers, they never appeared at ease in someone else's home.

This week's change of address, however, cannot guarantee a change of fortune. Hampden is conducive to great football but it does, nonetheless, require a little cooperation from the players. With this match Craig Brown's career as Scotland coach begins in earnest. His only real duty in his first two fixtures was to ensure an orderly retreat in the World Cup campaign.

He is a man of unrelenting optimism who recently warned the press, "Push me over the precipice and I'll land on the first tee. Then I'll hit my drive 250 yards down the middle." Brown's sense of good fortune may have a little justification. There is no such thing as a good time to be in charge of the Scotland side but the present circumstances are slightly better than normal.

The return to Hampden will, all by itself, provide a mood of well-being. Nor should Brown have to field a haphazard assortment of individuals there. The new FIFA regulations, which prevent footballers from playing for their clubs the weekend after they have been removed from the international squad, ensure that the days of the spurious call-off are over.

Ian Ferguson, the Rangers midfield player, typified this state of affairs yesterday when he came limping through the door to join the rest of the party at Hampden only to be officially ruled out. Brown can also take pleasure in one or two recent developments. At 29, the Scotland captain Gary McAllister has found a new degree of authority.

Rangers' announcement at the weekend that they are likely to bid £2.5m for the Leeds United midfield player is also, in Brown's estimation, more likely to stimulate McAllister than break his concentration.

The player, who refused to comment on the situation, has supported Rangers since boyhood and might see a match with Holland as the perfect opportunity to demonstrate why he is worth wrangling over.

Brown needs the commanding performance of which McAllister is capable. Even so, there must be anxiety over the response the playmaker's prompting will receive. Gordon Durie is the only striker in the squad scoring regularly at club level and even he rarely provides goals for his country. Brown can only hope that at least one forward recovers form this week. The reopening of Hampden will only be a triumph if the match leaves the fans oblivious to the plush surroundings.

Delegates enforce price for broken promises

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

BRITAIN'S athletics clubs registered their disapproval for the way their sport has been managed over the past 12 months by voting for sweeping changes in the leadership at the annual meeting of the British Athletic Federation (BAF) in Birmingham on Saturday.

The extent to which the Andy Norman-Cliff Temple controversy influenced the vote is impossible to measure and it is undoubtedly less significant than the failure of those in office to keep their election promises.

However, procrastination by the federation in reaching a decision on Norman's future as promotions director, and its failure to investigate thoroughly his behaviour before Temple's suicide in January, played some part. David Smyth, secretary of Folkestone AC, Temple's club, was probably right when he said: "There was a negative vote in there."

Still the federation refuses to be open with the people it represents, declining to specify the date of the Norman hearing, although one has been set, saying only that it would be "in the next few weeks."

But the failure of the group of four led by Peter Radford to deliver promises made in their election manifesto last year was their main undoing. Although John Lister was unopposed as treasurer, Radford's other two aides, David Bedford and Bob Greenoak, were ousted by Matt Frazer and Eric Shirley as secetary and vice-chairman.

Two key posts are held now by men who have risen through cross country. Frazer and Ken Rickhuss, the new chairman. Rickhuss succeeds Radford, now the paid executive chairman. "There is a feeling among the clubs that BAF has got out of touch with the grass roots," Frazer said.

It will not have escaped his notice that almost £1 million was paid to British athletes to appear in domestic televised meetings last year and that less generous fees might have released more for the clubs. "What we have to do is cater for the elite athletes and sustain and encourage the clubs," Frazer added.

Rickhuss may seem avuncular but his success in business speaks for itself. Eleven years ago he took over an iron foundry in receivership and turned it into a £6 million-a-year pipe-fitting business.

Assuming that the Norman issue is resolved soon, potentially the most contentious issue ahead is the registration scheme. "A poll tax in running shoes," was how Colin Simpson, of Midland Vets AC, described it.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Carling Premiership

A VILLA (0) 1 OLDHAM (0) 2 — Redmond 58 (og); Beckford 67, Holden 74; 21,214
LEEDS (0) 1 COVENTRY (0) 0 — Wallace 54; 30,023
LIVERPOOL (2) 2 CHELSEA (0) 1 — Rush 8, Burley 19 (og); Burley 50; 38,629
MAN CITY (0) 0 SHEFF UTD (0) 0 — 25,448
QPR (0) 1 WIMBLEDON (0) 0 — Peacock 70; 11,368
SOTON (0) 0 ARSENAL (2) 4 — Wright 18, 30, 68 (pen), Campbell 84; 16,790
SWINDON (1) 2 MAN UTD (1) 2 — Nijholt 36, Fjortoft 83; Keane 13, Ince 62; 18,102
TOTTENHAM (0) 1 IPSWICH (1) 1 — Barmby 56; Kiwomya 12; 26,653
WEST HAM (0) 2 NEWCASTLE (1) 4 — Breacker 57, Martin 81; Lee 34, 73, Cole 59, Mathie 90; 23,132

Yesterday

SHEFF WED (1) 1 BLACKBURN (1) 2 — Watson 40; Wilcox 18, Newell 89; 24,699

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Man Utd	32	10	5	1	31	11	11	4	1	35	19	72
2 Blackburn	32	11	3	2	24	9	9	4	3	24	15	67
3 Newcastle	32	9	3	3	36	11	8	3	6	27	22	57
4 Arsenal	32	8	5	2	19	9	7	7	3	24	8	57
5 Leeds	33	11	4	1	29	13	3	9	5	18	19	55
6 Liverpool	33	11	4	2	31	18	4	4	8	22	26	53
7 A Villa	33	7	3	7	20	15	6	7	3	18	18	49
8 QPR	31	7	4	4	27	19	6	4	6	22	22	47
9 Sheff Wed	33	6	6	4	31	20	5	6	6	24	27	45
10 Norwich	32	3	8	5	17	20	7	6	3	36	26	44
11 Wimbledon	32	7	4	4	23	18	4	5	8	12	25	42
12 Ipswich	32	5	6	5	16	22	4	7	5	13	16	40
13 Coventry	33	6	6	4	16	12	3	5	9	16	27	38
14 West Ham	31	5	8	5	19	22	4	5	6	11	20	38
15 Everton	32	7	3	7	23	24	3	3	9	13	20	36
16 Chelsea	31	7	4	4	20	15	2	4	10	14	26	35
17 Tottenham	33	3	8	7	24	27	4	4	7	19	20	33
18 Soton	32	7	2	8	22	25	2	3	10	11	21	32
19 Man City	33	4	8	5	16	18	2	5	9	10	22	31
20 Oldham	31	4	5	6	18	27	3	4	9	10	24	30
21 Sheff Utd	33	4	8	4	17	18	0	7	10	12	32	27
22 Swindon	34	4	7	7	28	35	0	6	10	16	47	25

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 1 Hitchin 1; Bromley 0 Hayes 0; Chesham 0 Molesey 1; Dorking 2 Marlow 3; Grays 4 Dulwich 0; Harrow 3 Carshalton 0; Kingstonian 1 Enfield 2; St Albans 6 Basingstoke 1; Stevenage Borough 3 Hendon 0; Wokingham 1 Wivenhoe 0; Yeading 0 Sutton United 0. First division: Barking 0 Worthing 1, Billericay 2 Abingdon 0; Bognor Regis 2 Boreham Wood 2; Croydon 0 Staines 14; Heybridge Swifts 1 Walton & Hersham 2; Leyton 6 Whyteleafe 1; Purfleet 1 Chalfont St Peter 0, Ruislip Manor 1 Bishops Stortford 1; Tooting & Mitcham 3 Berkhamsted 0; Uxbridge 0 Maidenhead United 0. Windsor & Eton 0 Wembley 2. Second division: Aveley 2 Tilbury 1. Collier Row 2 Banstead Athletic 3; Egham 1 Barton Rovers 1; Hemel Hempstead 0 Aldershot Town 1; Leatherhead 2 Hungerford 0; Lewes 2 Saffron Walden 0; Malden Vale 2 Hampton 0; Metropolitan Police 0 Rainham 1; Newbury 4 Ware 0, Witham 0 Chertsey 1. Third division: Bracknell 3 Harefield 2; Cove 5 Flackwell Heath 1; East Thurrock 1 Camberley 2; Harlow 2 Kingsbury 3; Hertford 1 Tring 0; Hornchurch 0 Clapton 1; Northwood 2 Cheshunt 2; Royston 3 Feltham & Hounslow 1; Southall 3 Leighton 0.

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BRISTOL C (0) 1 PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 — Allison 54; 6,352
LEICESTER (0) 0 BARNSLEY (0) 1 — Payton 59; 15,640
LUTON (1) 1 BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 — Telfer 41; Claridge 49; 7,690
MIDDLSBROUGH (2) 3 WEST BROM (0) 0 — Wilkinson 18, Pollock 36, Hendrie 78; 10,516
NOTTM FOR (2) 3 BOLTON (1) 2 — Chettle 25, Pearce 34, Collymore 59; Brown 23, Green 89; 23,846
OXFORD UTD (0) 1 TRANMERE (0) 0 — Beauchamp 76; 4,506
SOUTHEND (0) 0 STOKE (0) 0 — 4,542
SUNDERLAND (0) 2 WATFORD (0) 0 — Russell 68, 74; 16,479
WOLVES (0) 0 GRIMSBY (0) 0 — 20,224

Yesterday

C PALACE (1) 2 CHARLTON (0) 0 — Armstrong 42, Stewart 70; 14,408

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 C Palace	36	13	4	1	35	14	7	4	7	25	24	68
2 Nottm For	35	10	7	2	32	18	8	2	6	25	19	63
3 Leicester	35	11	5	2	39	21	6	4	7	18	19	60
4 Millwall	33	11	5	1	29	12	4	6	6	16	23	56
5 Charlton	34	11	3	3	25	10	5	4	8	19	24	55
6 Derby	35	11	2	4	33	19	4	6	8	20	30	53
7 Notts Co	35	13	1	3	32	18	3	3	12	17	39	52
8 Tranmere	35	11	2	4	33	18	4	5	9	13	23	52
9 Stoke	36	11	2	4	28	15	3	8	8	17	32	52
10 Middlesbro	34	9	5	3	27	11	4	6	7	18	23	50
11 Bristol C	35	8	5	5	20	16	5	5	7	15	22	49
12 Southend	36	8	5	6	26	22	6	1	10	21	27	48
13 Grimsby	35	5	10	1	21	13	6	5	8	24	26	48
14 Sunderland	34	12	2	4	26	13	2	4	10	10	25	48
15 Wolves	34	8	7	3	28	15	3	7	6	18	20	47
16 Bolton	34	8	5	2	27	17	4	5	10	18	28	46
17 Portsmouth	36	8	5	4	23	14	3	6	10	17	34	44
18 Luton	33	10	2	5	31	18	2	5	9	13	24	43
19 West Brom	36	7	7	4	31	22	3	3	12	17	32	40
20 Barnsley	34	5	3	8	17	21	6	4	8	26	29	40
21 Oxford Utd	35	7	3	8	22	29	2	5	10	15	32	35
22 Peterboro	35	6	8	4	22	16	2	3	12	14	30	35
23 Watford	36	7	4	7	31	32	2	3	13	18	39	34
24 Birmingham	37	6	6	7	19	25	1	4	13	15	34	31

Anglo-Italian Cup

Final

NOTTS CO (0) 0 BRESCIA (0) 1 — Ambrosetti 65; 17,185 (at Wembley)

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 4 Winsford 2, Barrow 1 Fleetwood 1; Bishop Auckland 3 Colwyn Bay 2; Boston 0 Whitley Bay 1, Droylsden 2 Frickley 2; Emley 0 Chorley 3; Horwich 1 Buxton 0; Leek 2 Gainsborough 0; Marine 1 Hyde 1; Morecambe 7 Bridlington Town 1. Postponed: Knowsley United v Matlock. First division: Ashton United 0 Guiseley 2; Curzon Ashton 2 Caernarfon 1; Gretna 1 Alfreton 2; Goole 4 Radcliffe Borough 0; Harrogate 0 Great Harwood 1. Mossley 1 Congleton 0; Netherfield 1 Farsley Celtic 2; Workington 2 Worksop 6. Postponed: Bamber Bridge v Eastwood Town; Lancaster City v Warrington

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Quarter-final: Sligo Rovers 1 Cobh Ramblers 0.

Second division

BARNET (1) 1 WREXHAM (0) 2 — Scott 16; Owen 65, Bennett 90; 1,853
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 BLACKPOOL (0) 0 — Cotterill 25; 3,335
BRIGHTON (1) 2 L ORIENT (0) 0 — Codner 45, Kennedy 68; 8,202
BURNLEY (1) 3 BRISTOL R (0) 1 — Philliskirk 30, Heath 58, McMinn 90; Hardyman 67; 10,651
CAMBRIDGE (0) 2 BRADFORD (1) 1 — Corazzin 48, Cheetham 89; Tomlinson 17; 3,095
FULHAM (1) 1 HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 — Angus 18; Booth 34; 3,624
HULL (0) 1 READING (1) 2 — Windass 78 (pen); Quinn 7 59; 7,107
PLYMOUTH (1) 1 CARDIFF (2) 2 — Evans 17; Stant 25, 31; 9,587
PORT VALE (0) 1 BRENTFORD (0) 0 — Taylor 47; 8,269
ROTHERHAM (0) 1 STOCKPORT (1) 2 — Goater 54; Gannon 45, Francis 78; 3,755
SWANSEA (0) 2 EXETER (0) 0 — Bowen 51, Clode 64; 2,512
YORK (1) 3 HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 — McCarthy 16, Barnes 55, Tutill 81; 3,191

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Reading	36	12	4	2	33	14	9	4	5	34	24	71
2 Plymouth	36	13	4	2	40	22	7	4	6	28	24	68
3 Stockport	33	13	0	4	42	15	6	7	3	17	16	64
4 Port Vale	34	12	5	1	35	13	6	4	6	20	18	63
5 Burnley	36	14	2	2	42	15	3	5	10	20	30	58
6 Hull	37	8	6	5	26	17	8	3	7	26	29	57
7 Bristol R	36	7	7	4	23	21	9	2	7	21	23	57
8 York	36	9	5	4	27	11	7	3	8	25	23	56
9 Brentford	37	7	7	4	23	19	6	8	5	24	18	54
10 Bradford	35	9	3	4	25	15	5	7	7	21	27	52
11 L Orient	37	10	6	2	30	18	3	5	11	17	36	50
12 Bournemth	34	7	6	5	22	21	5	6	5	19	22	48
13 Cambridge	37	9	5	5	28	19	4	3	11	21	39	47
14 Swansea	35	9	7	2	31	16	3	4	10	14	28	47
15 Blackpool	37	10	2	6	33	28	4	2	13	20	33	46
16 Wrexham	34	9	4	3	35	21	3	5	10	15	34	45
17 Brighton	36	7	7	4	26	19	4	5	9	16	31	45
18 Fulham	36	6	5	8	18	18	6	1	10	23	31	42
19 Rotherham	34	7	3	8	28	28	3	6	7	18	25	39
20 Huddersfld	35	4	6	8	16	23	5	5	9	20	27	38
21 Cardiff	31	7	4	4	28	19	2	6	8	19	32	37
22 Exeter	33	6	5	6	31	28	2	5	8	10	30	34
23 Hartlepool	38	4	3	10	17	29	1	5	13	18	34	23
24 Barnet	35	2	4	11	15	24	1	5	12	15	41	18

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley 2 Solihull 3; Cambridge City 0 Atherstone 0; Chelmsford 3 Burton 1. Corby Town 2 Halesowen 1; Dorchester 1 Hednesford 4; Moor Green 2 Gresley 4; Trowbridge 0 Nuneaton 0; Waterlooville 1 Crawley 2; Worcester 1 Cheltenham 1. Midland division: Armitage 3 King's Lynn 3; Bedworth 0 Newport AFC 2, Clevedon 2 RC Warwick 0; Dudley 1 Bilston 2; Evesham 3 Grantham 0; Forest Green 0 Leicester United 1; Hinckley 1 Bridgnorth 1; Rushden & Diamonds 3 Weston-super-Mare 2; Stourbridge 1 Sutton Coldfield 2; Yate 0 Tamworth 2. Southern division: Ashford 1 Tonbridge AFC 0; Bury 0 Newport IOW 3; Dunstable 2 Fisher 93 1, Gravesend & Northfleet 4 Braintree 0; Havant 0 Buckingham 1; Poole 0 Canterbury 1. Salisbury 1 Erith & Belvedere 0; Sudbury 2 Fareham 1; Weymouth 3 Margate 2.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Ebbw Vale 1 Cwmbran 0; Inter Cardiff 5 Llanelli 1; Newtown 3 Flint Town 2.

Third division

BURY (0) 0 COLCHESTER (0) 1 — McDonough 57; 2,108
CARLISLE (0) 1 CHESTER (0) 0 — Reeves 88; 4,193
CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 ROCHDALE (0) 1 — Moss 79; Whitehall 53; 3,282
CREWE (1) 2 TORQUAY (2) 3 — Ward 39, Naylor 71; Hathaway 18, Trollope 25, 80; 3,484
DONCASTER (0) 0 WYCOMBE (3) 3 — Brown 6, Guppy 21, 45; 2,358
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 LINCOLN (0) 0 — 3,868
PRESTON (1) 3 MANSFIELD (0) 1 — Norbury 29, 52, Ainsworth 67; Wilkinson 55; 6,747
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 GILLINGHAM (1) 1 — Juryeff 68; Baker 16; 2,386
SHREWSBURY (1) 2 SCARBORO (0) 0 — Gallen 28, Spink 56; 3,901
WALSALL (2) 3 DARLINGTON (0) 0 — Butler 22, O'Connor 39 (pen), McDonald 51; 2,983
WIGAN (1) 3 HEREFORD (2) 4 — Lyons 45, 83, Gavin 75; Roberts 11, 40, Pike 55, Hall 64; 1,542

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Chester	34	9	5	2	24	11	8	4	6	31	24	60
2 Shrewsbury	32	8	6	3	24	16	9	3	3	27	18	60
3 Wycombe	32	9	2	3	24	15	8	6	4	29	25	59
4 Crewe	33	10	3	4	37	25	7	4	5	28	25	58
5 Preston	33	12	4	2	43	19	4	5	6	24	27	57
6 Torquay	33	6	8	3	25	22	8	3	5	28	26	53
7 Chesterfld	33	7	5	5	26	20	7	3	6	21	24	50
8 Walsall	34	7	4	7	28	21	7	4	5	15	20	50
9 Bury	33	9	3	4	30	17	5	2	10	19	30	47
10 Rochdale	32	9	3	4	31	13	3	6	7	19	25	45
11 Carlisle	33	6	4	6	29	20	6	5	6	18	15	45
12 Mansfield	34	8	1	7	23	22	4	7	7	20	29	44
13 Scunthorpe	33	7	7	3	33	18	3	5	8	15	24	42
14 Lincoln	33	7	3	7	24	24	4	5	7	20	26	41
15 Colchester	33	7	3	7	25	27	4	4	8	21	32	40
16 Scarboro	34	6	2	8	21	22	5	4	9	20	30	39
17 Gillingham	33	6	5	5	19	18	3	6	8	16	23	38
18 Doncaster	33	7	4	6	23	22	3	3	10	12	26	37
19 Hereford	33	5	3	8	27	25	5	2	10	23	30	35
20 Wigan	31	3	5	7	26	30	5	3	8	15	27	32
21 Darlington	33	5	5	6	22	22	1	8	9	13	29	32
22 Northmptn	34	5	7	5	22	18	2	3	12	16	35	31

GM Vauxhall Conference

ALTRINCHAM (0) 1 YEOVIL (0) 0 — France 90; 2,870
BATH (0) 2 SOUTHPORT (0) 1 — Smart 78, Adcock 88; Haw 50; 615
BROMSGROVE (0) 0 KETTERING (2) 4 — Taylor 26, Graham 27, Dempsey 49, Costello 65; 1,253
DAG & RED (2) 2 WITTON (0) 1 — Crown 19, 32; Burke 81; 708
DOVER (1) 1 STALYBRIDGE (1) 1 — Blewden 17; Harold 43; 1,003
GATESHEAD (0) 0 MERTHYR (0) 0 — 422
KIDDERMINSTER (2) 3 WOKING (0) 1 — Palmer 7, 67, Davies 19; Bennett 59; 2,705
MACCLESFIELD (0) 0 HALIFAX (0) 1 — Peake 49; 1,115
NORTHWICH (0) 0 STAFFORD (0) 0 — 752
SLOUGH (0) 0 TELFORD (0) 0 — 575
WELLING (1) 1 RUNCORN (0) 1 — Reynolds 32; Thomas 46 (pen); 808

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Kidderminstr	30	12	3	2	27	9	5	3	5	21	18	57
2 Kettering	32	7	7	3	20	12	7	5	3	18	8	54
3 Southport	30	8	7	1	24	16	5	3	6	19	20	49
4 Woking	31	9	5	2	26	14	3	6	6	17	29	47
5 Bath	31	5	6	5	25	17	6	6	3	18	13	45
6 Dover	29	9	3	3	25	13	4	2	8	14	22	44
7 Welling	28	7	5	4	22	15	4	5	3	19	13	43
8 Runcorn	30	9	3	2	32	17	0	13	3	15	23	43
9 Stafford	33	7	7	4	28	20	2	7	6	14	23	41
10 Macclesfld	33	5	6	5	20	16	6	0	7	16	24	39
11 Merthyr	31	6	7	2	25	15	3	6	7	18	25	38
12 Northwich	29	5	8	2	18	10	3	8	5	11	18	38
13 Telford	30	5	6	4	19	18	4	5	6	12	19	38
14 Gateshead	27	8	6	2	18	10	3	4	6	13	22	37
15 Halifax	33	3	7	2	19	11	5	5	6	24	28	36
16 Bromsgrv	26	3	8	4	17	18	6	3	4	20	21	36
17 Altrincham	31	5	3	7	15	18	5	3	8	13	18	36
18 Slough	32	7	3	4	24	17	2	6	10	13	32	36
19 Dag & Red	27	6	3	4	25	17	1	7	6	9	19	31
20 Yeovil	30	5	2	7	17	19	3	5	8	17	31	31
21 Witton	34	3	6	8	16	26	3	4	10	12	32	28
22 Stalybridge	30	1	5	7	12	23	4	8	7	18	23	26

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Chester Le Street 1 Northallerton 4. Dunston FB 0 Guisborough 0; Eppleton CW 0 Newcastle Blue Star 1; Hebburn 2 Consett 7; Seaham Red Star 2 West Auckland 0; Tow Law 1 Murton 1; Whitby 1 Blyth Spartans 0.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham 0 Bideford 1; Crediton 0 Paulton 2, Exmouth 3 Calne 2; Odd Down 11 Minehead 1.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bradford Park Avenue 1 Newcastle Town 1; Burscough 2 Kidsgrove Athletic 2; Clitheroe 2 Nantwich 1; Flixton 0 Prescot 0; Glossop North End 1 Bacup Borough 1; Salford City 0 Bootle 3.

Scottish League

Premier division

DUNDEE UTD (2) 2 PARTICK (1) 2 — Brewster 40, Cleland 43; Charnley 14 (pen), Jamieson 65; 6,005
HIBERNIAN (0) 0 CELTIC (0) 0 — 14,704
KILMARNOCK (0) 2 ABERDEEN (1) 3 — Black 63, McCloy 87; Miller 23, Shearer 56, Jess 68; 8,544
MOTHERWELL (3) 3 DUNDEE (1) 1 — McQuillan 20 (og), Coyne 31, Martin 39; McQuillan 15; 6,127
RAITH (1) 2 HEARTS (1) 2 — McStay 27, Cameron 57; Colquhoun 19, Levein 84; 5,697
RANGERS (2) 4 ST JOHNSTN (0) 0 — McCall 4, Hateley 24, McPherson 54, Durie 80; 43,228

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Rangers	33	10	3	4	35	19	8	7	1	26	13	46
2 Motherwell	34	9	6	2	25	14	7	4	6	21	20	42
3 Aberdeen	33	9	6	1	26	7	4	9	4	19	21	41
4 Hibernian	34	10	4	3	28	13	4	7	6	20	22	39
5 Celtic	33	7	7	2	18	10	5	7	5	19	16	38
6 Dundee U	33	4	9	3	19	16	5	8	4	17	16	35
7 Hearts	33	5	6	5	16	17	3	8	6	11	17	30
8 Kilmarnock	34	4	9	5	15	18	4	5	7	14	20	30
9 Partick	32	6	5	3	16	11	3	6	9	20	34	29
10 St Johnstn	32	5	6	6	21	24	1	8	6	6	18	26
11 Raith	34	3	9	6	20	28	2	5	9	15	33	24
12 Dundee	33	4	6	7	18	22	1	2	13	11	27	18

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Civil Service 1 Lensbury 0; Crouch End Vampires 2 Old Esthameians 2. Midland Bank 3 West Wickham 2; Norsemen 5 Carshalton 2; Actonians 1 Winchmore Hill 0, Alexandra Park 7 Southgate Olympic 5. East Barnet OG 2 Lloyds Bank 1; Ibis 3 Old Stationers 3; Kew Association 1 Polytechnic 1, Old Latymerians 0 Old Bromleians 2, Barclays Bank 0 Cuaco 0; Brentham 1 Bank of England 3; Merton 0 Alleyn Old Bank 1; Old Lyonians 0 Royal Bank of Scotland 1; Old Salesians 0 Old Parmiterians 3; Reigate Priory 1 Old Westminster Citizens 1.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper 2 Stocksbridge PS 1; Eccleshill 1 Armthorpe Welfare 2; Lincoln United 2 Liversedge 4; Maltby MW 1 Glasshoughton Wel 2; North Ferriby 2 Brigg 1, Ossett Town 1 Hucknall 1; Pontefract Col 1 Pickering 0; Sheffield 0 Denaby 2; Thackley 1 Ashfield 0: Winterton 0 Ossett Albion 2.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chatteris 1 Haverhill 1, Great Yarmouth 0 March Town 1; Halstead 4 Gorleston 0; Histon 0 Lowestoft 4; Newmarket 1 Harwich & Parkeston 0; Tiptree 0 Soham TR 4, Watton 1 Cornard 5; Wisbech 2 Fakenham 0, Wroxham 2 Sudbury Wanderers 2.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cholmeleians 1 Lancing 3, Malvernians 4 Reptonians 2. First division: Aldenhamians 6 Ardinians 0, Haileyburians 1 Foresters 3, Wellingburians 3 Wykehamists 0.

First division

BRECHIN (0) 0 DUMBARTON (0) 0 — 426
CLYDE (0) 0 AIRDRIE (0) 1 — Hay 48; 2,357
CLYDEBANK (0) 3 HAMILTON (1) 2 — Eadie 60, 71, 87; McLean 35, Sherry 46; 878
FALKIRK (1) 2 AYR (0) 0 — Shaw 5, Oliver 60; 3,573
ST MIRREN (0) 0 DUNFERMLINE (0) 2 — Tod 55, O'Boyle 67; 3,200
STIRLING (0) 0 MORTON (1) 3 — Lilley 37, 79, McArthur 48; 763

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Falkirk	34	12	4	2	35	14	8	6	2	27	13	50
2 Dunfermln	34	13	1	2	48	14	9	4	5	27	14	49
3 Airdrie	33	8	6	3	26	15	8	4	4	20	13	42
4 Hamilton	34	8	5	3	26	14	5	7	6	20	28	38
5 Clydebank	33	7	4	5	21	23	7	5	5	24	16	37
6 St Mirren	34	8	3	7	24	20	6	5	5	22	24	36
7 Ayr	34	5	5	6	16	23	6	5	7	17	21	32
8 Stirling	34	7	5	5	21	21	5	2	10	15	30	31
9 Dumbarton	34	4	6	7	20	23	5	5	7	19	20	29
10 Clyde	34	5	5	8	17	16	2	4	10	13	28	25
11 Morton	34	2	9	5	15	20	2	6	10	18	39	23
12 Brechin	34	4	3	11	12	28	1	3	12	9	30	16

Second division

ALBION (0) 1 QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 — Walker 50; McCormick 63; 358
BERWICK (1) 1 ALLOA (0) 1 — Young 9; Lamont 56; 463
E STIRLING (0) 2 ARBROATH (0) 0 — McCallum 60, Millar 87; 359
FORFAR (1) 4 QUEEN OF S (1) 4 — Lahey 40, McPhee 54, Heddle 85, Winter 86 (pen); Thomson 21, 46, 62, 90; 486
MEADOWBANK (0) 1 STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0 — Little 81; 218
MONTROSE (1) 1 COWDENBEATH (0) 1 — Milne 35; Callaghan 88; 494
STRANRAER (1) 2 E FIFE (0) 1 — Ferguson 7, 62; Burns 86 (pen); 850

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Stranraer	31	12	2	2	34	17	6	6	3	17	12	44
2 Stenhsmuir	31	8	4	3	31	14	8	2	6	23	22	38
3 Meadwbnk	31	8	7	1	37	19	6	3	6	30	20	38
4 Berwick	31	6	6	4	27	21	6	4	5	25	20	34
5 Alloa	31	5	6	5	12	12	6	7	3	22	18	34
6 Forfar	31	6	5	5	26	25	6	4	5	21	19	33
7 E Fife	31	7	5	3	28	19	5	3	8	19	24	32
8 Queen of S	31	7	1	7	33	18	5	6	5	26	26	31
9 E Stirling	31	7	2	7	24	23	4	7	4	20	22	31
10 Montrose	30	5	4	7	20	21	6	3	5	27	23	29
11 Arbroath	31	4	7	4	20	23	5	1	10	16	31	26
12 Queen's Pk	31	7	3	5	24	24	2	4	10	16	41	25
13 Albion	31	2	4	10	15	27	4	4	7	18	26	20
14 Cowdenbeath	30	0	3	11	15	28	5	4	7	21	29	17

GERMAN LEAGUE: VfB Stuttgart 3 Borussia Mönchengladbach 0; Dynamo Dresden 0 Eintracht Frankfurt 4; Freiburg 0 Nuremberg 0, Bayer Leverkusen 3 Kaiserslautern 2; Schalke 2 Karlsruhe 0. Leading positions: 1, Bayern Munich, played 25, 32 points; 2, Eintracht Frankfurt, 26, 32; 3, Hamburg SV, 26, 31

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Cagliari 0 Sampdoria 0; Foggia 1 Roma 1; Genoa 3 Udinese 0, Juventus 4 Parma 0; Lazio 3, Napoli 0, Lecce 2 Cremonese 4, Piacenza 4 Atalanta 0; Reggiana 1 Torino 0. Leading positions: 1, AC Milan, played 27, 44 points; 2, Sampdoria, 26, 37; 3, Juventus, 26, 37

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	1½	2	1½	3	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
2	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	3	1½	2	1½	1½	2½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	3	1½	2½	1½	3	1½

FORECAST: Dividends are very good with ten jackpot draws. Telephone claims required for 24 points

A new competition to brighten the 1994 cricket season

Put your selection talents to the test

THE start of the cricket season is less than a month away and *The Times*, in association with Canon UK Ltd, has joined the Test and County Cricket Board in an exclusive arrangement to produce a game that will occupy armchair cricket-lovers throughout the season. Play *The Times* First Class XI, and you can use your skills as a cricket selector to win a trip for two to any Test match anywhere in the world next year.

Every run your players make and every wicket they take will count towards your score. Choose your players from the list on the right and use the First Class XI bat to record your selection. You may enter as often as you like, by telephone or by post. There are no handicaps, no ratings, no transfer fees, just a test of cricketing knowledge and selection skill. Pick your team, and follow your progress in *The Times*, the paper for cricket.

How to play: Simply pick the team that you think will accumulate the most runs and wickets in the first-class cricket season. We have listed 269 players, all registered with the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), and placed them in the following categories:

Batsmen (numbered 001-113); **all-rounders** (114-156); **wicketkeepers** (157-176) and **bowlers** (177-269).

There are also three secondary categories: **Captains** (18), one from each county; **overseas players** (18), one from each county and **rising stars** (28), promising players as selected by *The Times*.

Your team of 11 must be made up as follows: **five batsmen; one all-rounder; one wicketkeeper; four bowlers**. No other combination will be accepted and players may only be selected as categorised by *The Times*. (For example, Graeme Hick may only be chosen as an all-rounder, not as a batsman). Each player has a number which must be used when selecting him for the game.

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There are three further restrictions to your selection.

1) In your XI, you must pick one — *and no more than one* — from the list of **captains**. For example, if you pick Alec Stewart (captain of Surrey), he will count as captain and batsman. You may not pick another captain, even from another playing category.

2) You must also pick one — *and no more than one* — of the players listed in the **overseas player** category.

3) You must pick one — *and no more than one* — of the players in the **rising stars** category. Your rising star may be a batsman, all-rounder, wicketkeeper or bowler.

In addition to the 11 players picked for the team, you must select one reserve for each of the primary categories (batsmen, all-rounders, wicketkeeper, bowlers). No captains, overseas players or rising stars may be selected as reserves. These reserves will only become active in the event of a first-choice player being officially declared inactive (for reasons of injury) for the rest of the season by *The Times* First Class XI panel. In that case your reserve will be automatically activated and his score from that moment will be added to the injured player's total. Only one replacement will be allowed in each of the four primary categories. A player declared inactive cannot re-enter the game. Having selected your team, you may give it a name.

How to score: Scores will be measured by the following means: **runs** (the aggregate runs scored by all 11 players); **wickets** (the wickets taken by all 11 players); **wicketkeeping dismissals** (catches and stumpings made by your wicketkeeper).

Each run will count as one point, each wicket as 20 points, each wicketkeeper's dismissal as 20 points (the last two categories will be listed under the heading, wickets). The total of runs and wickets will represent the entrant's total team score. The object of *The Times* First Class XI is to select the 11 players that will accumulate the most points.

In the event of a tie, competitors will be separated by counting the score of their reserves, the highest total winning. If that is insufficient, the score of the rising star will be decisive. If a further tie-break is necessary, the final tied competitors will be asked to pick their player of the season and explain why.

All matches deemed to be first-class by the TCCB (five, four or three days) will count. One-day matches will not count. At the end of each round of matches and each competition period, *The Times* will publish the list of categorised names and their updated aggregate point scores.

How to enter: There are five separate competitions. First, the main competition which runs throughout the 1994 English cricket season and for which entries must be received no later than April 13. Then there are four short competitions covering the matches which take place between **April 13-May 23; May 24-June 27; June 29-August 8; August 10-September 19.**

Entries for the main competition (which may be made by post or by telephone) will also qualify automatically for all four short competitions. Entry details for the individual short competitions (numbers two, three and four) will be published later.

The winners will be the entrants who have the highest points scores after the last match in each competition period and their names will be published in *The Times* with the names and scores of the leading 100 entrants.

You may enter any of the competitions as many times as you like but each entry requires a separate telephone call or original entry form (photocopies will not be accepted). Telephone callers must be aged 18 or over.

Entries, whether made by telephone or mail, will be acknowledged by letter including a computer printout of your team selection and an official scorecard. Please allow 28 days for delivery.

Entering by telephone: The 24-hour telephone lines are open now and close at noon on April 13. When you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You cannot enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling **0891 500 181.**

The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference numbers) for each of your 11 chosen players in the following order: the five batsmen, the all-rounder, the wicketkeeper, the bowlers. You will then be asked to name your reserves (in the same order). Make sure that the numbers you give fall within the range for each category (ie batsmen, 001-113; all-rounders, 114-156; wicketkeepers, 157-176; bowlers' 177-269). Make sure you have picked one captain, one overseas player and one rising star in your team. An incorrect entry will be void.

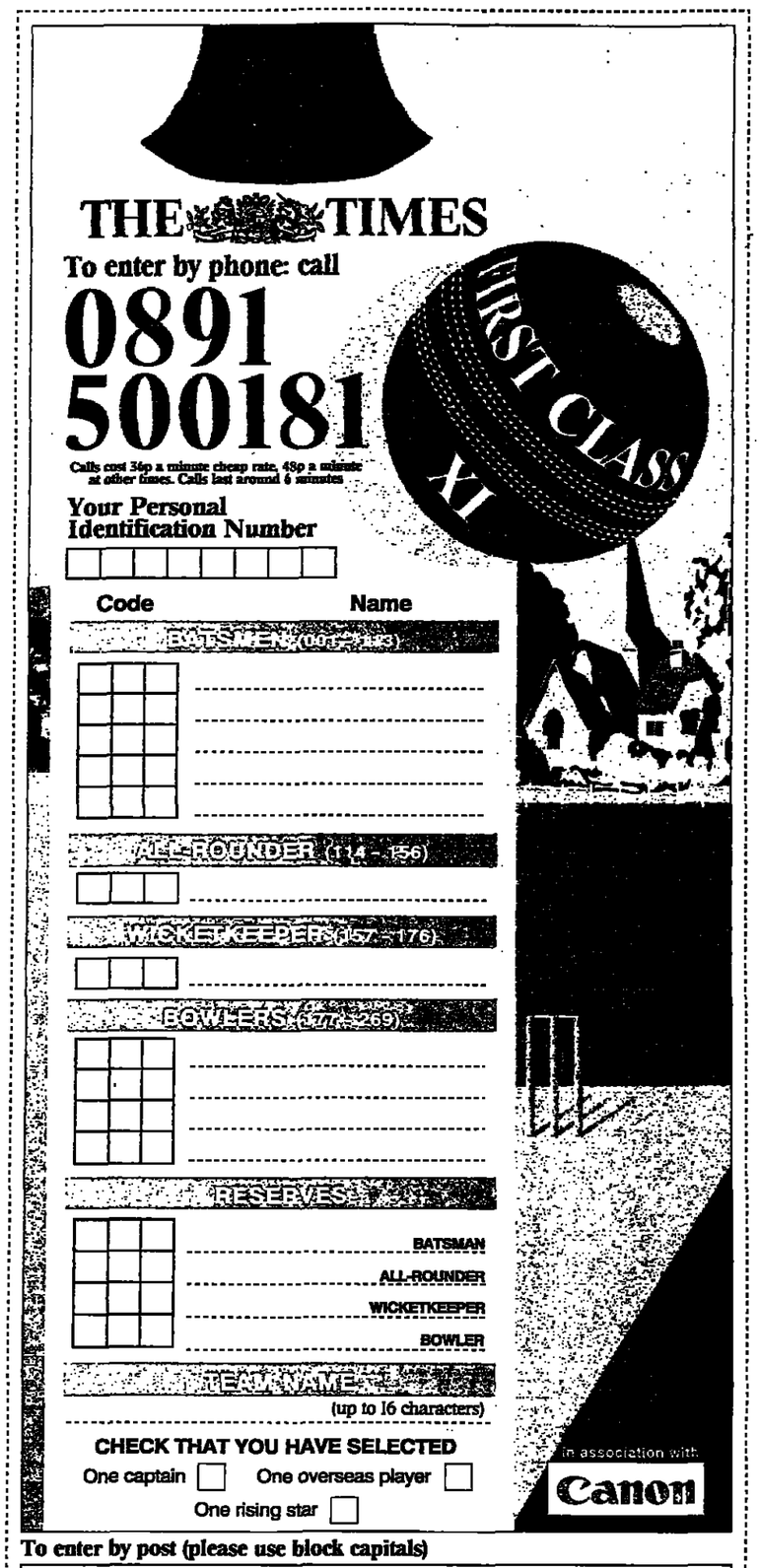
You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address and daytime phone number. Finally, you will be given an eight-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN).

Entering by post: Each postal application must be made on an original entry form (no photocopies) and accompanied by two first-class stamps (which will be used to acknowledge entry). Send them to ***The Times* First Class XI, 4a Church Green, Harpenden, Hertfordshire AL5 2TP.** Entries must arrive by noon on April 13.

Team names: Competitors may give their teams any name of up to 16 characters although if a name is considered to be in poor taste by the panel, or if that name has already been taken, the competitor's surname will be used.

***The Times* First Class XI panel:** Ray Illingworth, the new chairman of the England Committee, Michael Atherton, the England captain, and Alan Lee, the cricket correspondent of *The Times*, form the panel which has final authority on any issues arising.

Junior competition: The game is open to postal entries from readers under the age of 18 and there will be a separate schools competition. Details will be announced later.



To enter by post (please use block capitals)

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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AGE IF UNDER 18 ..... TELEPHONE No. .....

Send your entries to: Times First Class XI
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THE FIRST CLASS XI PLAYERS

Batsmen (001-113)

Pick five players and a reserve from this category

001 ..... * C J Adams (Derbyshire)
002 ..... J C Adams (Nottinghamshire)
003 ..... G F Archer (Nottinghamshire)
004 ..... Asif Din (Warwickshire)
005 ..... M A Atherton (Lancashire)
006 ..... C W J Athey (Sussex)
007 ..... R J Bailey (Northamptonshire)
008 ..... K J BARNETT (Derbyshire)
009 ..... M R BENSON (Kent)
010 ..... D J Bicknell (Surrey)
011 ..... T J Boon (Leicestershire)
012 ..... P D Bowler (Derbyshire)
013 ..... N E BRIERS (Leicestershire)
014 ..... B C Broad (Gloucestershire)
015 ..... A D Brown (Surrey)
016 ..... D Byas (Yorkshire)
017 ..... J D Carr (Middlesex)
018 ..... P A Cottey (Glamorgan)
019 ..... G R Cowdrey (Kent)
020 ..... R M F Cox (Hampshire)
021 ..... J P Crawley (Lancashire)
022 ..... M A Crawley (Nottinghamshire)
023 ..... T S CURTIS (Worcestershire)
024 ..... * J A Daley (Durham)
025 ..... * W A Dessaur (Nottinghamshire)
026 ..... D B D'Oliveira (Worcestershire)
027 ..... N H Fairbrother (Lancashire)
028 ..... N A Felton (Northamptonshire)
029 ..... N A Folland (Somerset)
030 ..... A Fordham (Northamptonshire)
031 ..... G Fowler (Durham)
032 ..... * J E R Gallian (Lancashire)
033 ..... M W GATTING (Middlesex)
034 ..... G A GOOCH (Essex)
035 ..... P Grayson (Yorkshire)
036 ..... K Greenfield (Sussex)
037 ..... J W Hall (Sussex)
038 ..... T H C Hancock (Gloucestershire)
039 ..... R J Harden (Somerset)
040 ..... A N HAYHURST (Somerset)
041 ..... D L Haynes (Middlesex)
042 ..... * D L Hemp (Glamorgan)
043 ..... S G Hinks (Gloucestershire)
044 ..... G D Hodgson (Gloucestershire)
045 ..... * A J Hollioake (Surrey)
046 ..... N Hussain (Essex)
047 ..... * S Hutton (Durham)
048 ..... R C Irani (Essex)
049 ..... S P James (Glamorgan)
050 ..... P Johnson (Nottinghamshire)
051 ..... M Keech (Hampshire)
052 ..... S A Kellett (Yorkshire)
053 ..... N V Knight (Essex)
054 ..... A J LAMB (Northamptonshire)
055 ..... M N Lathwell (Somerset)
056 ..... W Larkins (Durham)
057 ..... D A Leatherdale (Worcestershire)
058 ..... N J Lenham (Sussex)
059 ..... J J B Lewis (Essex)
060 ..... * N J Llong (Kent)
061 ..... G D Lloyd (Lancashire)
062 ..... J I Longley (Durham)
063 ..... M B Loye (Northamptonshire)
064 ..... M A Lynch (Surrey)
065 ..... M P Maynard (Glamorgan)
066 ..... A A Metcalfe (Yorkshire)
067 ..... T C Middleton (Hampshire)
068 ..... A J Moles (Warwickshire)
069 ..... T M Moody (Worcestershire)
070 ..... H MORRIS (Glamorgan)
071 ..... J E Morris (Durham)
072 ..... R S M Morris (Hampshire)
073 ..... M D MOXON (Yorkshire)
074 ..... M C J NICHOLAS (Hampshire)
075 ..... T J G O'Gorman (Derbyshire)
076 ..... D P Ostler (Warwickshire)
077 ..... * T L Penney (Warwickshire)
078 ..... P R Pollard (Nottinghamshire)
079 ..... P J Prichard (Essex)
080 ..... M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)
081 ..... J D Ratcliffe (Warwickshire)
082 ..... R B Richardson (Yorkshire)
083 ..... * D D J Robinson (Essex)
084 ..... P E Robinson (Leicestershire)
085 ..... R T ROBINSON (Nottinghamshire)
086 ..... A S Rollins (Derbyshire)
087 ..... M A Roseberry (Middlesex)
088 ..... A C H Seymour (Worcestershire)
089 ..... N Shahid (Essex)
090 ..... * B F Smith (Leicestershire)
091 ..... I Smith (Durham)
092 ..... R A Smith (Hampshire)
093 ..... N J Speak (Lancashire)
094 ..... A W Smith (Surrey)
095 ..... D M Smith (Sussex)
096 ..... M P Speight (Sussex)
097 ..... A J STEWART (Surrey)
098 ..... N R Taylor (Kent)
099 ..... V P Terry (Hampshire)
100 ..... G P Thorpe (Surrey)
101 ..... S P Titchard (Lancashire)
102 ..... * M E Trescothick (Somerset)
103 ..... R G Twose (Warwickshire)
104 ..... * M P Vaughan (Yorkshire)
105 ..... D M Ward (Surrey)
106 ..... T R Ward (Kent)
107 ..... R J Warren (Northamptonshire)
108 ..... A P WELLS (Sussex)
109 ..... C M Wells (Derbyshire)
110 ..... * W P C Weston (Worcestershire)
111 ..... J J Whitaker (Leicestershire)
112 ..... * M G N Windows (Gloucestershire)
113 ..... A J Wright (Gloucestershire)

All-rounders (114-156)

Pick one player and a reserve from this category

114 ..... M W Alleyne (Gloucestershire)
115 ..... I D Austin (Lancashire)
116 ..... P BAINBRIDGE (Durham)
117 ..... D J Capel (Northamptonshire)
118 ..... * G Chapple (Lancashire)
119 ..... D G Cork (Derbyshire)
120 ..... R D B Croft (Glamorgan)
121 ..... A C Cummins (Durham)
122 ..... K M Curran (Northamptonshire)
123 ..... A Dale (Glamorgan)
124 ..... P A J DeFreitas (Derbyshire)
125 ..... J E Emburey (Middlesex)
126 ..... K P Evans (Nottinghamshire)
127 ..... M A Feltham (Middlesex)
128 ..... M V Fleming (Kent)
129 ..... P J Hartley (Yorkshire)
130 ..... * G R Haynes (Worcestershire)
131 ..... G A Hick (Worcestershire)
132 ..... C L Hooper (Kent)
133 ..... R K Illingworth (Worcestershire)
134 ..... K D James (Hampshire)
135 ..... S R Lampitt (Worcestershire)
136 ..... R P Lefebvre (Glamorgan)
137 ..... C C Lewis (Nottinghamshire)
138 ..... G W Mike (Nottinghamshire)
139 ..... Mushtaq Ahmed (Somerset)
140 ..... P J Newport (Worcestershire)
141 ..... C Penn (Kent)
142 ..... M Prabhakar (Warwickshire)
143 ..... D A REEVE (Warwickshire)
144 ..... G D Rose (Somerset)
145 ..... P V Simmons (Leicestershire)
146 ..... N M K Smith (Warwickshire)
147 ..... P A Smith (Warwickshire)
148 ..... * J N Snape (Northamptonshire)
149 ..... F D Stephenson (Sussex)
150 ..... J P Stephenson (Essex)
151 ..... C M Tolley (Worcestershire)
152 ..... Wasim Akram (Lancashire)
153 ..... M WATKINSON (Lancashire)
154 ..... V J Wells (Leicestershire)
155 ..... * P N Weekes (Middlesex)
156 ..... C White (Yorkshire)

Wicketkeepers (157-176)

Pick one player and a reserve from this category

157 ..... A N Aymes (Hampshire)
158 ..... R J Blakey (Yorkshire)
159 ..... K R Brown (Middlesex)
160 ..... N D Burns (Somerset)
161 ..... B N French (Nottinghamshire)
162 ..... M A Garnham (Essex)
163 ..... W K Hegg (Lancashire)
164 ..... G J Kersey (Surrey)
165 ..... K M Krikken (Derbyshire)
166 ..... S A Marsh (Kent)
167 ..... C P Metson (Glamorgan)
168 ..... P Moores (Sussex)
169 ..... P A Neon (Leicestershire)
170 ..... K J Piper (Warwickshire)
171 ..... S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)
172 ..... D Ripley (Northamptonshire)
173 ..... * R J Rollins (Essex)
174 ..... R C Russell (Gloucestershire)
175 ..... C W Scott (Durham)
176 ..... R J Turner (Somerset)

Bowlers (177-269)

Pick four players and a reserve from this category

177 ..... J A Afford (Nottinghamshire)
178 ..... C E L Ambrose (Northamptonshire)
179 ..... S J W Andrew (Essex)
180 ..... A M Babington (Gloucestershire)
181 ..... M C J Ball (Gloucestershire)
182 ..... A A Barnett (Lancashire)
183 ..... S R Barwick (Glamorgan)
184 ..... S Bastien (Glamorgan)
185 ..... * J D Batty (Yorkshire)
186 ..... J E Benjamin (Surrey)
187 ..... W K M Benjamin (Hampshire)
188 ..... P J Berry (Durham)
189 ..... M P Bicknell (Surrey)
190 ..... I R Bishop (Derbyshire)
191 ..... J Boiling (Surrey)
192 ..... M Broadhurst (Yorkshire)
193 ..... S J E Brown (Durham)
194 ..... M A Butcher (Surrey)
195 ..... A R Caddick (Somerset)
196 ..... J H Childs (Essex)
197 ..... C A Connor (Hampshire)
198 ..... N G B Cook (Northamptonshire)
199 ..... K E Cooper (Gloucestershire)
200 ..... A C Cottam (Northamptonshire)
201 ..... N G Cowans (Hampshire)
202 ..... R P Davis (Warwickshire)
203 ..... M A Ealham (Kent)
204 ..... R M Ellison (Kent)
205 ..... M G Field-Buss (Nottinghamshire)
206 ..... * D P J Flint (Hampshire)
207 ..... M J Foster (Yorkshire)
208 ..... A R C Fraser (Middlesex)
209 ..... O D Gibson (Glamorgan)
210 ..... * E S H Giddins (Sussex)
211 ..... D Gough (Yorkshire)
212 ..... D A Graveney (Durham)
213 ..... F A Griffith (Derbyshire)
214 ..... D W Headley (Kent)
215 ..... E E Hemmings (Sussex)
216 ..... A P Igglesden (Kent)
217 ..... M C Ilott (Essex)
218 ..... P W Jarvis (Sussex)
219 ..... M Jean-Jacques (Hampshire)
220 ..... * R L Johnson (Middlesex)
221 ..... M S Kasprowicz (Essex)
222 ..... N M Kendrick (Surrey)
223 ..... * D R Law (Sussex)
225 ..... M J McCague (Kent)
226 ..... D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)
227 ..... N A Mallender (Somerset)
228 ..... P J Martin (Lancashire)
229 ..... R J Maru (Hampshire)
230 ..... D J Millns (Leicestershire)
231 ..... O H Mortensen (Derbyshire)
232 ..... A D Mullally (Leicestershire)
233 ..... T A Munton (Warwickshire)
234 ..... A J Murphy (Surrey)
235 ..... J A North (Sussex)
236 ..... G J Parsons (Leicestershire)
237 ..... M M Patel (Kent)
238 ..... R-M Pearson (Essex)
239 ..... A L Penberthy (Northamptonshire)
240 ..... * D B Pennett (Nottinghamshire)
241 ..... R A Pick (Nottinghamshire)
242 ..... A C S Pigott (Surrey)
243 ..... * A R K Pierson (Leicestershire)
244 ..... N V Radford (Worcestershire)
245 ..... A R Roberts (Northamptonshire)
246 ..... M A Robinson (Yorkshire)
247 ..... I D K Salisbury (Sussex)
248 ..... K J Shine (Middlesex)
249 ..... R W Sladdin (Derbyshire)
250 ..... G C Small (Warwickshire)
251 ..... D J Spencer (Kent)
252 ..... R D Stemp (Yorkshire)
253 ..... P M Such (Essex)
254 ..... J P Taylor (Northamptonshire)
255 ..... * S D Thomas (Glamorgan)
256 ..... M J Thursfield (Hampshire)
257 ..... T D Topley (Essex)
258 ..... H R J Trump (Somerset)
259 ..... P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)
260 ..... S D Udal (Hampshire)
261 ..... M J Vandrau (Derbyshire)
262 ..... A P Van Troost (Somerset)
263 ..... C A WALSH (Gloucestershire)
264 ..... Waqar Younis (Surrey)
265 ..... A E Warner (Derbyshire)
266 ..... S L Watkin (Glamorgan)
267 ..... N F Williams (Middlesex)
268 ..... J Wood (Durham)
269 ..... G Yates (Lancashire)

CAPITALS denote captains — Bold type denotes overseas players — * denotes rising stars

PICK ONE FROM EACH OF THESE CATEGORIES

Captains
116: P Bainbridge (all-rounder)
008: K J Barnett (batsman)
009: M R Benson (batsman)
013: N E Briers (batsman)
033: T S Curtis (batsman)
033: M W Gatting (batsman)
034: G A Gooch (batsman)
040: A N Hayhurst (batsman)
054: A J Lamb (batsman)
070: H Morris (batsman)
073: M D Moxon (batsman)
074: M C J Nicholas (batsman)
143: D A Reeve (all-rounder)
085: R T Robinson (batsman)
097: A J Stewart (batsman)
263: C A Walsh (bowler, o'seas player)
153: M Watkinson (all-rounder)
108: A P Wells (batsman)

Overseas players
002: J C Adams (batsman)
178: C E L Ambrose (bowler)
187: W K M Benjamin (bowler)
190: I R Bishop (bowler)
121: A C Cummins (all-rounder)
209: O D Gibson (bowler)
041: D L Haynes (batsman)
132: C L Hooper (all-rounder)
221: M S Kasprowicz (bowler)
069: T M Moody (batsman)
139: Mushtaq Ahmed (all-rounder)
142: M Prabhakar (all-rounder)
082: R B Richardson (batsman)
145: P V Simmons (all-rounder)
149: F D Stephenson (all-rounder)
263: C A Walsh (bowler, captain)
264: Waqar Younis (bowler)
152: Wasim Akram (all-rounder)

Rising stars
001: C J Adams (batsman)
185: J D Batty (bowler)
118: G Chapple (all-rounder)
024: J A Daley (batsman)
025: W A Dessaur (batsman)
206: D P J Flint (bowler)
032: J E R Gallian (batsman)
210: E S H Giddins (bowler)
130: G R Haynes (all-rounder)
042: D L Hemp (batsman)
045: A J Hollioake (batsman)
047: S Hutton (batsman)
220: R L Johnson (bowler)
223: D R Law (bowler)
060: N J Llong (batsman)
240: D B Pennett (bowler)
077: T L Penney (batsman)
243: A R K Pierson (bowler)
083: D D J Robinson (batsman)
173: R J Rollins (wicketkeeper)
090: B F Smith (batsman)
148: J N Snape (all-rounder)
255: S D Thomas (bowler)
102: M Trescothick (batsman)
104: M P Vaughan (batsman)
155: P N Weekes (all-rounder)
110: W P C Weston (batsman)
112: M G N Windows (batsman)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Only applications made through The Times First Class XI telephone lines or on the official entry form will be accepted and must be received by the closing date.

2. They must be received by noon on Wednesday, April 13, 1994. There is no limit to the number of telephone applications any person or household may make. The 24-hour lines are open now.

3. Only players published in our The Times First Class XI list will be accepted into our First Class XI competition. Incorrect entries null and void with no refund. No correspondence related to players selected will be entered into. Entries lost or found to be indecipherable will be void.

4. Entries must consist of 15 players (11 first choice and four reserves) from the published list and must include one captain, one overseas player and one rising star as categorised in the list. Of your 11, five must be batsmen, one an all-rounder, one a wicketkeeper and four bowlers. One each of the four reserves must be a batsmen, all-rounder, wicketkeeper and bowler. None of the reserves may be captains, overseas players or rising stars. No player can be picked twice.

5. *The Times* independent panel of experts will provide updated records of each player's performance on a regular basis.

6. Inaudible or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The computer's record of the entry will be considered to be the entry.

7. The telephone entry method is only open to readers over the age of 18.

8. The first prize will go to the team with the highest total score. If there is more than one entrant with the same total of points, the winner will be decided by tie-break. We will investigate complaints but our decision is final and we will not enter into correspondence regarding the competition.

9. Promotional and explanatory copy relating to The Times First Class XI form part of the terms and conditions for participation.

10. Calls charged at 36p per minute cheap rate and 48p per minute at other times. From March 31 calls will be charged at 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at other times.

11. Calls should take approximately six minutes.

12. The competition is not open to employees of News International or their agents.

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See the Test of your choice

BY SIMON WILDE

FOR the winner of *The Times* First Class XI game, the selection process will not stop with picking his or her successful team. The first prize provides the opportunity to take a trip for two to any Test match anywhere in the world during 1995.

The winner of *The Times* First XI game will receive air tickets, hotel accommodation and match tickets to the Test of their choice. It will not be an easy choice to make with some outstanding cricket fixtures in some of the world's most exotic locations. Several of them, moreover, involve England. The prize presents the opportunity to travel to such places as Australia or New Zealand, the Caribbean or South Africa.

When the year begins, England will be in Australia attempting to recapture the Ashes they lost in 1989. New Year's Day sees the start of the third Test match in Sydney, and England will subsequently play Tests in Adelaide (January 26-30) and Perth (February 3-7).

From October, England will be in South Africa, where they will be making their first Test tour for 21 years. Although the venues and dates of the Test matches during their 11-week visit have not been finalised, England are expected to play in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

Possibly the most closely fought series of the year will take place in the Caribbean, where Australia will be attempting once again to topple West Indies. When the countries last met in a Test series, in Australia in 1992-93, the hosts went within two runs of becoming the first team to inflict a serious defeat on West Indies since 1980, and uncompromising contests are assured in Jamaica, Guyana, Trinidad, Barbados and Antigua.

If the winner prefers not to travel abroad, a thrilling series is also in prospect in England, where West Indies will be making a full tour during the domestic season.

Twenty-five runners-up to the overall winner will receive bats, provided by the Morrant Group, autographed by the England and South Africa players, along with other England team merchandise. The winners of the four short-term games will each receive a Phillips CDI player.

WORD-WATCHING

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ACETABULUM

(b) In animal physiology, applied to various cup-shaped cavities and organs, from the Latin name for a vinegar cup or saucer, also a saucerful or liquid measure: "In one joint of the body, the hip, the socket or acetabulum fits closely to the head of the femur."

BUNGO

(b) A kind of boat used in the Southern States and in Central America, etymology native or frivolous: "The bungo was about forty feet long, dug out of the trunk of a Guanacaste tree."

NEOPHRON

(c) The white Egyptian vulture, or a vulture belonging to the same genus, an adaptation of the name of a Greek transformed into a vulture in the *Metamorphoses* of Antoninus Liberalis, adopted as a generic name by Savigny: "The neophrons have a long and slender beak." "A tame neophron, kept at the public slaughter-house at Malaga."

PASCH

(c) The Jewish feast of the Passover, or the Christian festival of Easter, from the Aramaic emphatic state *paskhā* a passing over: "In the second year of Christ's teaching, soon after the Pasch, in the year 31."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

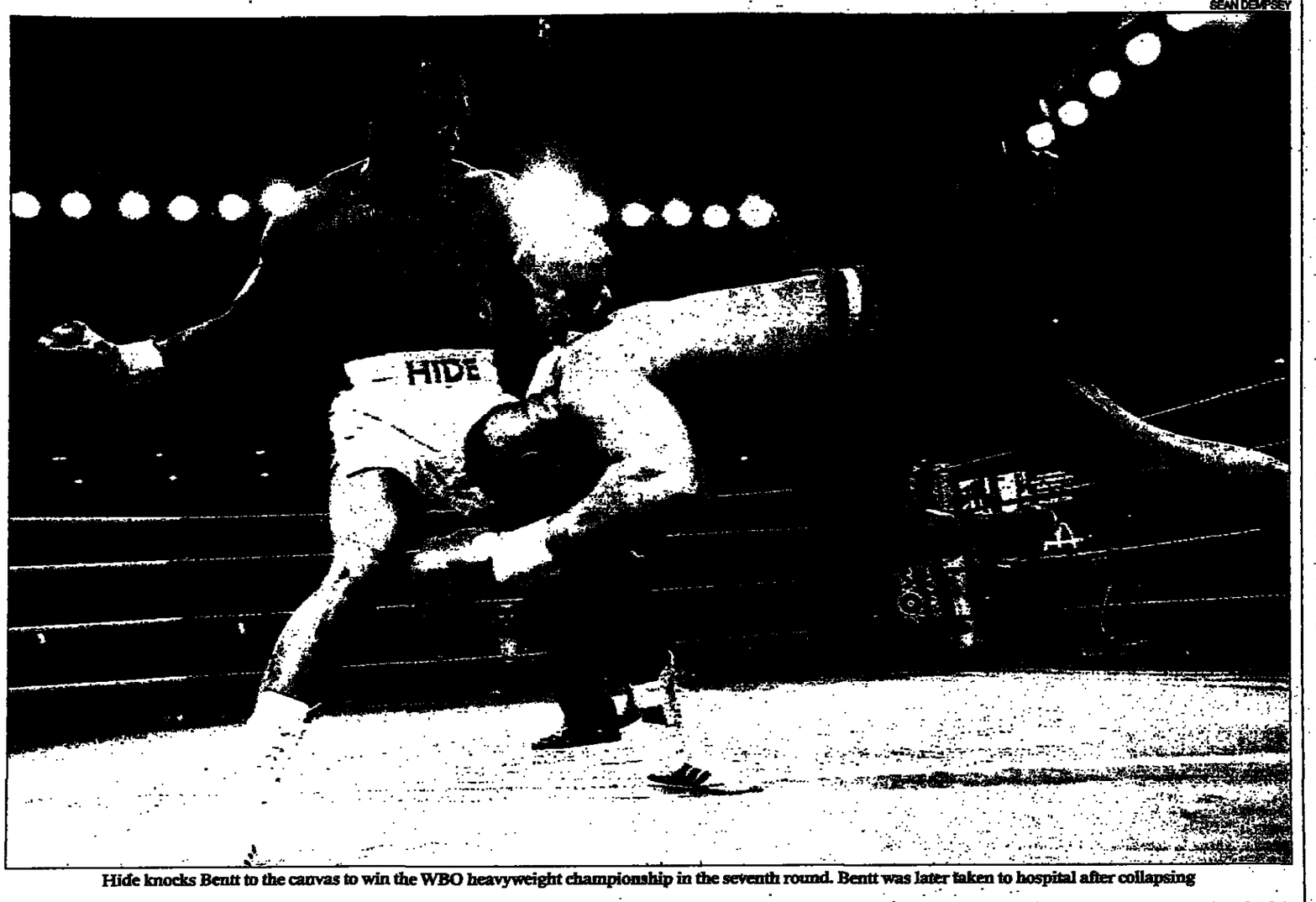
1 Rxg7+! Kxg7 2 Qg3+! Kh7 (2 ... Kf6 loses the queen to 3 Ng4+ as do 2 ... Kh8 and 2 ... Kf8 after 3 Ng6+) 3 Qg6+ Kh8 4 Nf7 mate.

هكذا من الاصل

Former champion Bentt collapses in dressing-room after losing WBO title

Hide's win clouded by concern

SEAN DEMPSEY



Hide knocks Bentt to the canvas to win the WBO heavyweight championship in the seventh round. Bentt was later taken to hospital after collapsing

HERBIE Hide became the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) champion by stopping Michael Bentt in the seventh round on Saturday but the Norwich man's achievement was devalued by Bentt's poor performance, or rather non-performance. Hide's post-fight euphoria was dampened by concern for Bentt, who was taken to hospital after collapsing in his dressing room.

The discovery at the Royal London Hospital that Bentt had already suffered a brain injury before the bout would account for his inability to motivate himself to fight Hide. As a result, it was a one-sided bout with Bentt simply plodding after the challenger but never managing to launch a real attack.

The British Boxing Board of Control will have to look into why the brain scan given to Bentt by the Board before the bout did not reveal the same injuries that Jonathan Sutcliffe, of the Royal London, noticed.

They will also have to enquire into reports of Bentt being knocked out in the gym in Las Vagas a couple of weeks before the bout and, according to one source, not being able to recognize Ceasars Palace on his way home. If true, it would have meant a 28-day ban from boxing.

Bentt hardly extended his arms in attack or retaliation for six rounds and seemed to be putting in a whole lot of effort into doing nothing, "walking through gello," as Bob Arum, the American promoter of the show at Millwall football club, said.

Apart perhaps from the second Bentt did not win a round nor provide any opposition.

As Hide danced around him, jabbing him from time to time, Bentt who was breathing hard from the third round, was on the floor twice, one in the third and then in the seventh and throughout appeared to be confused and unwilling to fight his way out of difficult corners. In the sixth he even bit Hide's shoulder in his confusion.

At the time, ringsiders, found the entire bout and the biting episode rather bizarre and amusing and questioned Bentt's courage. Now wiser after the event, we know that Bentt's performance had more to do with his head than his heart and in boxing terms Hide's win meant nothing but the macho, hype-powered world of boxing is never to be denied. Extravagant claims being made about Hide's potential are hardly likely to be tempered.

Arum, who had three options on Hide, and Barry Hearn, the new champion's manager, were ecstatic about Hide's performance. Arum said Hide was another Evander Holyfield, only faster. Hide will be too quick for Lennox Lewis. "Herbie Hide may very well be the fastest heavyweight in the ring today," Arum said. "I think it's time the press here realised that. Evander Holyfield, people said, wasn't a true heavyweight and he proved he could handle the bigger guys. Herbie Hide is a Holyfield type of fighter."

Both promoters ignored the contests that British fans want against Frank Bruno and Henry Akinwande, who has an amateur victory over Hide. Bruno was rejected because, according to Arum, he was "a joke in America." Akinwande would never be entertained because Hearn said: "He took us to court to take our British title away. You try to take a title away outside the ring and you're out of the game for 100 years."

Arum, undeterred by the poor turn out of around 4,000 at the New Den, believed a bout with Tommy Morrison, who was knocked out in one round by Bentt, would be a sell out. Hearn thought Hide's next opponent would most likely be a South African.

Garcia's four goals cannot save Britain

WHEREVER Britain finish in the Champions Trophy hockey tournament in Lahore, Pakistan, they will be remembered for their part in a classic match against Australia yesterday (Sidney Friskin writes). Australia may have won 5-4 but the individual honours went emphatically to Russell Garcia, the British forward.

Garcia scored all Britain's goal in a breathtaking display that revived a match Australia seemed to have well under control. Two goals ahead quickly after the start, the Australians were powerless to prevent Garcia responding with three goals between the ninth and 24th minutes. Australia retook the lead after half-time only for Garcia to make it 4-4 before Stacey, with four minutes left, snatched the win. Corbett, twice, Davies and Hager scored the other Australia goals.

In their last four internationals, Britain have scored seven goals, all through Garcia. Even he, however, could not find the target on Saturday when they lost 1-0 to Germany.

Candeloro lifts spirits

ICE SKATING: Although 15 elite skaters have boycotted the world championships in Chiba, Japan, hundreds of young women packed into the Makuhari arena yesterday for the men's qualifying (Michael Coleman writes). After the programme of Philippe Candeloro, a dashing Frenchman, bags and parcels stuffed with gifts, toy raccoons and countless bouquets were thrown on to the ice.

It was an unexpected explosion of joy from spectators who would have had every reason to be depressed by the number of withdrawals, which now includes the world dance champions, Maya Usova and Aleksandr Zhulin, of Russia. Seventeen competitors were weeded out in the qualifying but Steven Cousins, of Britain, survived, although he was not at his best, falling over on the flip and stepping out of a double axel to finish eighth.

Tendulkar milestone

CRICKET: The Hamilton Test between New Zealand and India is evenly balanced after two days, India having reached 104 for three in reply to New Zealand's first innings of 187. Ken Rutherford, the captain, was top scorer for New Zealand, reaching 63 before he played on to Kumble. Srinath was the most successful of the Indian bowlers, returning figures of four for 60. Sachin Tendulkar, who played a breezy innings of 43 from 47 balls for India, passed 2,000 Test runs on his 32nd appearance for his country. He fell to a fine sliding catch by Dion Nash, at deep backward square leg, after hooking at a bouncer from Shane Thomson.

Ovation for Milton

EQUESTRIANISM: John Whitaker and Everest Milton, now 17, narrowly missed a third win in the Paris Volvo World Cup qualifier yesterday when Jos Lansink, of Holland, riding Bollvorm's Libero, beat them by 1.62sec. Lansink's win, his fourth in a qualifier this season, gives him a record 116 points in the European League. Everest Milton, back in international competition after a nine-month absence through injury, earned a standing ovation after a superb round in the eight-horse jump-off. Until Lansink's intervention, it had looked a winning one. Michael Whitaker was fourth on Everest Midnight Madness.

Butler secures treble

CYCLING: Gethin Butler, the British 100-mile champion, became the first triple winner of the Pendle Classic time-trial around Lake Windermere yesterday. He started last of the 120 competitors, dispatched at 60sec intervals on the 21-mile circuit, endured problems early in the event presented by heavy traffic and was, at the notoriously hilly climb of the Devil's Gallop after nine miles, trailing 30sec behind the leader, Peter Longbottom. However, he then recovered to finish with a course record of 48min. 2sec, beating Longbottom by 60sec. Jon Clay, the only professional competing, was joint-third with Sean Tyson on 49min 24sec.

Popov sets record again

SWIMMING: Aleksandr Popov, of Russia, set a fourth successive world short-course record of 46.73sec for 100 metres freestyle at the fifth round of the World Cup in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on Saturday. But last night, Raimundas Majuolis proved Popov beatable, winning the 50 metres in 21.52sec, just 0.02sec slower than the world record the Russian set eight days ago. Popov, set to win £24,000 on the World Cup series, which moves to Sheffield tomorrow and Wednesday and ends in Paris on Sunday, was second in 21.55sec, while Mark Foster, the world short-course champion from Britain was fourth in 22.15sec.

Tame Tigers toppled

BASKETBALL: Thames Valley Tigers, the Budweiser League leaders, slipped to a surprise 91-89 defeat at home to Doncaster Panthers but second-placed Manchester Giants failed to take advantage when they lost 75-72 at Leicester City Riders, who were inspired by 29-point Gene Waldron. Tigers trailed 87-84 with 52 seconds left, and Junior Alexander's two free throws for the Panthers were followed by a prodigious three-pointer from Nick Cobbe for Tigers. But Justin Jones secured victory for Doncaster with two more shots from the free-throw line, taking his tally to 29.

Tomba takes title

SKIING: Alberto Tomba, of Italy, was handed the men's World Cup slalom overall title without skiing in Vail, Colorado, yesterday after warm temperatures forced organisers to cancel the final race of the 1994 Alpine World Cup season. A fast drop in temperatures ruined chemical preparation of the course, made soft by warm weather all week, and fresh falling snow made the steep finishing section dangerous. Tomba had won four races this season and carried a virtually unassailable 88-point lead into the final race.

Humberside qualify

ICE HOCKEY: Humberside Hawks, with a 14-11 win over Billingham Bombers, have clinched the eighth and final premier division play-off place. All that remains to be settled in the last week of the regular season are the final positions of those eight clubs, which will govern the quarter-final draw. Similarly, the line-up for the promotion-relegation play-offs has been settled but not the pairings. Slough, who have won the southern conference of the first division, will not be keen to meet Peterborough who, after a trying premier season, have at last found some winning form.

Scots threaten boycott

BOWLS: The Scottish players who won the home international indoor series for the fourth year in succession at Nottingham last Friday may be denied a chance to defend their title next year because of the stance taken by their officials. The series has been staged in each of the four home countries in turn but England, Ireland and Wales want to create a central venue, at Nottingham, to save money. Scotland, it seems, are not prepared to accept the majority decision and it has been suggested that they should boycott the 1995 championships if they are again held in England.

England pair look Olympic prospects

BY RICHARD EATON

NICK Ponting and Joanne Wright raised hopes that they can challenge for an Olympic badminton medal by becoming the first home winners of an All England title for nine years at the Yonex-sponsored event at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham on Saturday.

Their 15-10, 15-11 victory over England colleagues Chris Hunt and Gill Clark in the mixed doubles final was the first British success since England's Nora Perry and Scotland's Billy Gilliland won the same title in an era when England was among the strongest nations in the world.

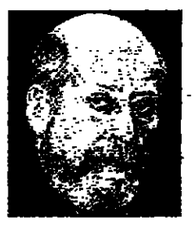
The fall from this pinnacle has been fast and alarming, which makes the triumph of Ponting and Wright not only cheering but important. It was a fine achievement, even in a field from which the two best players, Thomas Lund, of Denmark, and Catrine Bengtsson, of Sweden, were absent and in which the top seeded Jon Holst-Christensen had to play with a scratch partner.

Wright, excellent in defence and alert to move forward to snatch counter-attacking chances at the net, showed she is perhaps the most improved young doubles player on the circuit, despite being handicapped by a groin injury — she played against medical advice.

Ponting, who won a world bronze in the mixed in the same arena nine months ago, has developed in confidence since then and is ambitious. Last year's decision to put mixed doubles into the Olympic programme for the first time at Atlanta in 1996 has been a huge incentive for him.

Another crucial success was that of the tournament itself. Attendances were significantly higher than last year and the facilities a considerable improvement on those at Wembley. About 5,000 watched Heryanto Arbi and Susi Susanti brilliantly retain their singles titles.

Praying for rain offers little reprieve



CLEMENT FREUD

In Guyana

If a genie offered to grant me a wish and I decided to request a pavilion, I cannot think of a more desirable one than that on the Bourda cricket ground. I would like it for Christmas.

It has about it an air of Edwardian colonial graciousness: green and white and cream with pillars and balustrades and verandahs; within are slatted benches and upholstered chairs for the elders of the tribe. Two gables — one of which houses a clock — and there is a flag post above each team's balcony.

A pair of senior policemen guard the entrance — one has a bicycle in case he needs to go for help but this seems unlikely. On the fourth day, which many of us thought would bring dense crowds to cheer our demise, the gates opened to no more than a thousand spectators.

Overnight, the weather gods had teased us with rain — as the hangman used to tease his victims with rumours of a late reprieve. Then they decided to accord us a charcoal sky as if to say "When you go, it will be in a poor light". It was also going to be ignored by the indigenous populace whose main interest in the game centred around the performance of their local man: Chanderpaul, the 19-year-old Guyanian debutante, committed hari-kari off a slow Salisbury long hop on Saturday afternoon but Everton Weekes and Clyde Walcott praised his stroke play and called him "a young master" which does much for inter-island accord.

The pavilion is an outstandingly agreeable place in which to spend an afternoon. Look where you will and there are icons of the game willing to air their opinions many of which are at variance with those of G Boycott.

At meal times, long trestle tables accommodate the players, selectors, managers, advisers and umpires who are served by solicitous waitresses.

Meanwhile, at a counter in a corner the rest of us may purchase food which arrives by bearer in half dozen portion batches. Each item is wrapped in paper napkins. Chicken chow mein is best. Hamburgers excellent. The hot sauce takes the skin from the roof of your mouth but is useful to liven up sandwiches. Lemon meringue pie would be a candidate for a referral under the Trades Descripion Act.

What is missing from this game is needle. We will lose. We know it. We know they know that we know. We have conceded too many runs to be in with a prayer and scored too few. They make runs as if it was a way of life and we carve them out grimly, against the odds, few at a time. It is our bowling that is to blame and has depressed the team. You cannot set a field for bad bowling.

There is something a bit humiliating about losing to a side that never envisaged any other result, doing so in a land whose people are so convinced of success, they are content to sit at home and listen to the radio commentary — maddeningly interspersed with live commercials: midway through Jonathan Agnew describing an over, a woman's voice says "Buy all your electrical supplies ... it is 4.25 in the afternoon, I'm sorry it is 3.25 ... for switch gear, plugs, alternators come to 329 Whatever Street".

The Windies lose their last wicket, the pitch is covered, I refuse a bag of peanuts on sight and some deep fried dead molluscs and make for the second floor of the pavilion. A local businessman is buying drinks. He recommends rum; "beer is a bit ordinary, fruit juices loaded with sugar". I get a large glass of 15-year-old demerara and coconut water with ice. A drink of quality. I buy him one, then we do it over again.

Rain stops play but it is not enough. Rain won't stop play as comprehensively as we need. A colleague in the press box rings England and announces his bookmaker will let you buy England's second innings score at 290, sell at 270. A more dedicated colleague tells us this is West Indies' highest first innings score against England in a Test match at Georgetown. Always some new statistic to set the experts scurrying to their reference books.

Warne provides lesson for South Africa

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK
IN CAPE TOWN

AFTER four days of mostly rather cagey cricket, Australia are set to win the second Test match here at Newlands. South Africa, 26 runs ahead, have only four second-innings wickets left. There is talk of rain on the way, though yesterday was bright and sunny enough for eight of the Australian side to be wearing dark glasses in the field, as well as both umpires.

South Africa began their second innings 45 minutes after lunch, 74 runs behind. To start with, Hudson and Gary Kirsten played comfortably enough, and with only 75 minutes remaining South Africa were within five runs of drawing level with only Kirsten out. Hudson and Cronje, who had added 36 together, were in no obvious distress. Once again, only Warne was posing much of a threat.

Then, in the last 18 overs of the day, South Africa lost five wickets for 31 runs. Driving at Steve Waugh, Cronje was very well caught and bowled at the second attempt. Waugh, in fact, had a day to remember. Next, after a dramatic wait while the third umpire examined the evidence of the camera, frame-by-frame, Wessels was found to have been run out. There had been a long single for Hudson's push just wide of Border at mid-wicket but Wessels hesitated before answering Hudson's call and was barely an inch short when Healy broke the wicket.

That was 94 for three. At 97, Hudson, de Villiers, the nightwatchman, and Peter Kirsten were all out. Hudson fell to Steve Waugh, perhaps a little unluckily; Warne removed de Villiers with a yorker, a full toss even, and Kirsten, who messed up an attempted sweep. At tea, the draw had been the likeliest result. By now, South Africa were virtually beaten, victims, to some extent, of their own misgivings.

They had been content with a holding operation in the field. In the 11½ hours for which they were there, there were only four overs of spin. Kepler Wessels, who is sure to bring the side to England this summer, belongs unrelentingly and inscrutably to the school of captaincy which believes in attrition. Sadly, he sees no profit in spin, hence South Africa's total dependence upon bowlers who seem to spend all day walking back to their marks.

Any chance Australia had had of making the sort of progress they hoped for on Saturday was scuppered by the weather, which was hazy and humid for the only time in the match. The ball moved about a lot, particularly in the morning. In his first 105 minutes at the wicket, Border made six, and his 45 took 204 balls; Boon was caught off an outswinger when within a boundary hit of his eighteenth Test hundred. The best moment for something approaching a capacity crowd was when Peter Kirsten held a spectacular goalkeeper's catch in the gully to get rid of Mark Waugh.

Yesterday, in much easier batting conditions, they had to wait until the last over of the morning before bursting into song. Then, in successive balls, Matthews removed Healy and Hughes, Healy after he had been the major contributor to a sixth-wicket partnership of 108 with Steve Waugh.

Australia had the initiative by then; South Africa, for their part, already knew that they would have to bat for the best part of a day to save the match.

For players still feeling their way in Test cricket, that was never going to be easy. With Warne in the opposition, it would not have been easy for any side, and Border has used him more advantageously in this match. He must have shown even Wessels that spin does have something to be said for it.

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 361 (A C Hudson 102, B M McMillan 74, P N Kirsten 70).

Second Innings

A C Hudson lbw b S R Waugh	49
G Kirsten lbw b Warne	10
W J Cronje c and b S R Waugh	19
*K C Wessels run out	9
P N Kirsten c Taylor b Warne	3
J N Rhodes not out	1
P S de Villiers lbw b Warne	0
B M McMillan not out	1
Extras (lb 5, nb 3)	8
Total (6 wkts)	100

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-69, 3-84, 4-97, 5-97, 6-97.

BOWLING: McDermott 9-1-30-0; Hughes 5-1-12-0; Warne 17-10-20-3; McGrath 8-3-17-0; S R Waugh 9-4-15-2; Border 1-1-0-0.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M J Slater c P N Kirsten b de Villiers	26
M A Taylor c Richardson b de Villiers	70
D C Boon c Richardson b de Villiers	0
M E Waugh c P N Kirsten b McMillan	7
*A R Border c Richardson b Matthews	45
S R Waugh b Matthews	86
†I A Healy c de Villiers b Matthews	61
M G Hughes lbw b Matthews	0
S K Warne c McMillan b de Villiers	11
C J McDermott c P N Kirsten b Matthews	1
G D McGrath not out	1
Extras (b 6, lb 17, w 1, nb 7)	31
Total	435

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-145, 3-159, 4-244, 5-310, 6-418, 7-418, 8-430, 9-434.

BOWLING: Donald 35-10-111-0; de Villiers 44-11-117-4; Matthews 35-12-80-5, McMillan 20-9-82-1; G Kirsten 4-0-13-0; Cronje 11-4-8-0.

Umpires: K E Liebenberg (South Africa) and D R Shepherd (England).

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Critics silenced in opening IndyCar race

Mansell falters as Andretti leaves his rivals trailing

BY OLIVER HOLT

MICHAEL Andretti, the driver who became a figure of fun in Formula One last season, provided the perfect riposte to his critics yesterday when he left Nigel Mansell and the rest of the field trailing in his wake in a dramatic and controversial opening race of the IndyCar season in Surfers Paradise, Australia.

Mansell, the champion, who began his IndyCar career with a win on the Gold Coast street circuit last year, started from pole position but was overtaken by Andretti's Reynard-Ford at the start and then lost control of his Newman-Haas Lola Ford twice during the race as he tried to catch up.

He fought his way back from fifteenth place to finish ninth, more than a lap behind the winner. Emerson Fittipaldi, in a Penske-Ilmor, was second, 1.3sec behind, and Mario Andretti, Mansell's team-mate and Michael's father, was third.

The race, which was scheduled to run for 65 laps, was delayed for two hours first by heavy rain and then by a series of collisions on a warm-up lap and had to be cut short by ten laps in the gathering dusk. "I was calling for an early finish ten laps earlier," Andretti said.

"But what a day. We didn't miss a beat. The car handled like a charm. It means so much more to me after what I went through last year and having my dad on the podium was the icing on the cake."

Mansell provided a predictable touch of controversy when he became involved in a pre-race altercation with Andretti, accusing him of cutting across him during a pace lap before one of the aborted starts.

He was reported to have shoved the American, himself known for his aggressive driving style, and said: "Let's settle this right now, Michael, let's put the boxing gloves on."

"A couple of things were said," Andretti added later, "but then we got on with our job."

The result was a neat reversal in the fortunes of Mansell and Andretti Jr, who swapped formulas at the end of the 1992 season. Mansell took the American series by storm last year with the team and the car that Andretti had deserted. Andretti's Formula One season with McLaren went from bad to worse until he was released by the team three races from the end of the year after his best result, third in the Italian grand prix at Monza.



Mansell: controversy

Andretti, who was rescued from Formula One by the Chip Ganassi team, led from start to finish and held off a late challenge from Fittipaldi to record the 28th IndyCar win of his career and re-establish his position as one of the great drivers of the series.

He won the championship in 1991, narrowly missed out in 1992 and was the hot favourite to win again in 1993 before he left Newman-Haas, allowing Mansell to take his place and the title. "Nobody took away his talent," Fittipaldi said. "He was under pressure but he never made a mistake."

"I can honestly say I have never been in a race like that in my life," Mansell said. "The weather conditions, which nobody can control, turned the race into a bit of a lottery. It was crazy." Andretti's win did provide another debut win for Britain, though, if not the best omens for Mansell.

The Reynard chassis used by the Ganassi team and making its debut in IndyCar after dominating junior formulas, was built and designed in Bicester. Reynard has won the first race and then the championship of every competition it has entered.

RESULT: 1, Michael Andretti (US), Reynard-Ford, 1hr 53min 52.770sec; 2, E Fittipaldi (Br), Penske-Ilmor, 1.326sec behind; 3, Mario Andretti (US), Lola-Ford, 7.879; 4, J Vasser (US), Reynard-Ford, 41.807; 5, S Johansson (Swe), Penske-Ilmor, 1:08.447; 6, M Gugelmin (Br), Reynard-Ford, 1:29.558; 7, T Fabi (It), Reynard-Ilmor, 1 lap; 8 M Groff (US), Lola-Honda, 1 lap; 9, N Mansell (GB), Lola-Ford, 1 lap; 10, S Goodyear (Can), Lola-Ford, 2 laps.

MARC PESETSKY



Graf maintains her stranglehold on women's tennis as she beats Zvereva in the final of the Lipton tournament in Key Biscayne

Zvereva wilts before mirage of victory

FROM STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA

FOR more than a fleeting moment, Natalia Zvereva toyed with the unthinkable. The 22-year-old took a set off Steffi Graf, an unprecedented feat this year, and opened up the possibility of overcoming the apparently unbeatable top seed here in the final of the Lipton tournament.

Zvereva's challenge could not last, inevitably, and she went down 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 partly because she regarded the prospect of victory as a shimmering mirage. In jumping into the air and punching it with both hands at the conclusion of the first set, she plainly thought that the achievement was a triumph in itself.

An amusing tale related by the effervescent Belorussian illustrated her lack of belief. Seeking advice as to how to break down Graf, she was told to hit twice to the more vulnerable wing, the backhand, and then sharply to the forehand. "Fine," she replied, "And then what do I do?"

Although she had reached the final without dropping a set, she foresees no glory ahead, either. She would surpass her own expectations if she qualified for the last eight of any future grand slam championship.

Graf holds all four and, after collecting the title considered unofficially to be the fifth, she conceded that she is mentally tired of tennis. She is fed up with statistics too, and none too disheartened that one of her records was broken. Not for a decade had anyone accumulated 27 victories in straight sets.

The figures keep mounting in her favour, though. So far this year, they read 28-0 in matches, 56-1 in sets and 330-119 in games. In the continuing absence of Monica Seles, is there anyone among the promising youths who could pose a genuine challenge?

There are only two candidates. One is Lindsay Davenport, aged 17, who took Graf to her first tie-break for four months. The other is Jennifer Capriati, who will be 18 next week. Her father revealed that his daughter completed her school exams last Friday and has been practising for a fortnight. He expects her to return at the French Open, in May, or at Wimbledon.

Zvereva, who was overwhelmed by Graf in the final of the 1988 French Open and failed to win a game, was putting her own case as another potential contender on Saturday. Yet, after building an advantage by winning her fifth set point, she went on to lose seven successive games and the momentum which she required. Nevertheless, she is on the verge of breaking into the top ten.

Unpredictable on court, using the varied ball round game she brings to the strongest doubles partnership in the world, she is unconventional of it. She professed that she could not remember the surname of her hitting partner. "I just call him Mark all the time," she said.

Only two men have, so far this year, beaten Pete Sampras, who plays Andre Agassi in the men's final. The last was Paul Haarhuis, a 28-year-old Dutchman, who has distinguished himself here in his more renowned capacity as a doubles player. He and Jacco Eltingh, the Australian Open champions, claimed the title in straight sets.

RESULT: Women's singles: Final: S Graf (Ger) bt N Zvereva (Belo) 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

SEOUL: Marathon: 1, M Matias (Por) 2hr 8min 33sec; 2, Kim Wan-ki (S Kor) 2:08.34; 3, I Rico (Mex) 2:09:14

BADMINTON

BIRMINGHAM: Yonex All England open championships: Men's singles: Semi-finals: A Wiranata (Indo) bt H Susanto (Indo) 15-8, 15-3; H Arbi (Indo) bt A Budi Kusuma (Indo) 15-5, 15-7. Final: Arbi bt Wiranata 15-12, 17-14. Men's doubles: Semi-finals: R Mainaky and R Subagya (Indo) bt Cheah Soon Kit and Soo Beng Kiang (Mal) 15-18, 15-12, 15-8; R Gunawan and B Supriarto (Indo) bt A Iriamo and D Kantono (Indo) 15-4, 15-6. Final: Gunawan and Supriarto bt Mainaky and Subagya 15-12, 15-12.

Women's singles: Semi-finals: Ye Zhaoying (China) bt C Martin (Den) 11-5, 11-8, S Susanti (Indo) bt Bang Soo-Hyun (S Kor) 11-8, 11-9. Final: Susanti bt Ye Zhaoying 15-5, 15-9. Women's doubles: Semi-finals: Jang Hye-Ock and Shim Eun-Jung (S Kor) bt L Olsen and L Stuer-Lauridsen (Den) 15-10, 16-18, 15-6; Chung So-Young and Gil Young-Ah (S Kor) bt G Clark and J Bradbury (Eng) 15-5, 9-15, 18-17. Final: Chung So-Young and Gil Young-Ah bt Jang Hye-Ock and Shim Eun-Jung 7-15, 15-8, 15-4

Mixed doubles: Semi-finals: C Hunt and G Clark (Eng) bt P-G Jonsson and M Bengtsson (Swe) 4-15, 15-10, 15-6; N Ponting and J Wright (Eng) bt J Holst-Christensen (Den) and R Tendean (Indo) 15-9, 16-17, 15-12. Final: Ponting and Wright bt Hunt and Clark 15-10, 15-11.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Guildford 78 (Brown 25, Miller 16, Cummings, Henlan 14) London Towers 70 (R Scantlebury 26, Moore 13, Bowers 12), Hemel Hempstead 72 (Odaudu 25, Koochol 22, Izilen 12) Birmingham 84 (Harrell 18, Hansell 13, Thomas 12), Leicester 75 (Waldron 29, Trevont 16, Bogg, Harris 10) Manchester 72 (Gordon 21, Samuels 17, St Kitts 15); Oldham 69 (Monfield 32, Sapo 20, Alston 12) Derby 102 (Semon 30, Mandl 18, Lascelles 18); Sunderland 103 (Saunders 30, A Hopper 26, N Hopper 18) Worthing 109 (Irish 30, Lewis 27, Nelson 15), Thames Valley 89 (Holley 31, P Scantlebury 23, Lloyd 19) Doncaster 91 (Joseph 28, Jones 19, Harvey 13)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Charlotte 82 Utah 78; Atlanta 81 Indiana 78; Orlando 113 Cleveland 96, Minnesota 100 Philadelphia 98; Chicago 87 Seattle 84, Sacramento 115 Denver 103, Detroit 114 Phoenix 113, New Jersey 102 Los Angeles Lakers 90, Portland 122 Washington 104. Saturday: New York 105 Boston 91; Indiana 107 Utah 103; Miami 106 Cleveland 95, Golden State 116 Dallas 107; Houston 106 Detroit 88; San Antonio 107 Sacramento 100, Phoenix 105 New Jersey 93.

BOXING

MILLWALL, London: WBO heavyweight championship: Herbie Hide (Norwich) ko Michael Bent (US) 7th rnd. Super-middleweight (6 rnds): Mark Delaney (West Ham) ko Paul Murray (Birmingham) 3rd; (8 rnds) Gary Ballard (SA) bt Ian Henry (Newcastle) rsc 4th rnd. Bantam (8 rnds): Wayne McCullough (Ire) bt Mark Hargreaves (Burnley) rsc 3rd rnd.

LAS VEGAS: WBA junior welterweight championship: J Coggi (Arg, holder) bt Eder Gonzalez (Col) rsc 3rd rnd.

KOBE, Japan: WBA featherweight championship: Eloy Rojas (Ven, holder) bt Seiji Asakawa (Japan) rsc 5th rnd.

PRETORIA: WBA lightweight championship: Orzubek Nazarov (Russ, holder) bt Dingaan Thobela (SA) pts.

SUVA, Fiji: WBF welterweight championship (vacant): Jeff Malcolm (Aus) bt Sovita Tabuarua (Fiji) pts.

CRICKET

HAMILTON (Test match; second day of five): India, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 83 runs behind New Zealand

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

B A Hartland c Chauhan b Kapil Dev	0
B A Young c Kumble b Srinath	13
*K R Rutherford b Kumble	63
M J Greatbatch c Azharuddin b Srinath	12
S P Fleming c Kamble b Srinath	16
S A Thomson c Manjrekar b Raju	12
†A C Parore c and b Chauhan	9
M N Hart b Chauhan	17
D J Nash not out	10
D K Morrison lbw b Srinath	3
C Pringle b Raju	18
Extras (lb 9, nb 5)	14
Total	187

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-21, 3-48, 4-100, 5-122, 6-124, 7-154, 8-155, 9-158.

BOWLING: Srinath 31-8-60-4; Kapil Dev 9-2-29-1; Kumble 23-8-34-1; Raju 13.2-6-14-2; Chauhan 21-6-41-2.

INDIA: First Innings

N Mongia not out	33
N S Sidhu b Morrison	10
V G Kambli c Young b Pringle	9
S R Tendulkar c Nash b Thomson	43
*M Azharuddin not out	8
Extras (w 1)	1
Total (3 wkts)	104

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-38, 3-89.

BOWLING: Morrison 12-2-25-1; Nash 9-3-29-0, Pringle 7-2-23-1; Hart 4-0-11-0; Thomson 4-1-16-1

Umpires: B Aldridge (New Zealand) and Khizar Hayat (Pakistan)

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Sydney: New South Wales 412-6 dec and 207-4 dec (M Bevan 69 not out); Queensland 200 and 388 (S Law 108, G Foley 68). New South Wales won by 51 runs. Adelaide: South Australia 489 (G Blewett 214) and 248-6 dec (Blewett 80), Tasmania 370-5 dec (D Hills 114, J Cox 98) and 367-6 (R Ponting 161, D Hills 126, P McIntyre 4-97). Tasmania won by four wickets. Perth: Victoria 118 and 155; Western Australia 112 and 162-7 (S Cook 4-43). Western Australia won by three wickets. Final positions (after 10 matches): 1, New South Wales 38pts, 2, Tasmania 24, 3, Western Australia 23.8, 4, South Australia 22; 5, Victoria 21.6; 6, Queensland 18 (Western Australia and Victoria points deducted for failing to bowl full quota of overs). New South Wales meet Tasmania in final at Sydney, starting on March 25

CYCLING

TIME-TRIALS: Portholme Grand Prix (Windermere, 21.2 miles): 1, G Butler (RT Italia), 48:02; 2, P Longbottom (North Wirral Velo), 49:02; equal 3, S Tyson (North East RT), J Clay (Team Orange), 49:24. Team: North East RT, 2:32:06. Stone Wheelers (hilly, 40 miles): M Belfield (Stone Wheelers), 1.25.25. Team: Crewe Clarion Wheelers, 4:37:45. CC Bracknell four-up (50km): Leo RC, 1:06:52. Sotonia CC (hilly, 50km): L Paxton (Antelope RT), 1:15:03. Team: Antelope RT, 3:57:52. Bath CC (hilly, 30 miles): R Prebble (Wembley RC), 1:06:40 (course and event record). Team: Somer Valley CC, 3:56.45. North Midlands CF (25 miles): D Willetts (Birchfield CC), 53:49 (event record). Team: VC Ashby, 2:59:43. Preston Wheelers (two-up, 25 miles): P Hodgkinson and R Hodgkinson (Crewe Clarion Wheelers), 55:18. Coalville Wheelers (two-up, 25 miles): G Platts and P Bennett (Coalville Wheelers), 56:36. Carmarthen Wheelers (25 miles): R Thorne (Polytechnic CC), 58:06. Team: Port Talbot Wheelers, 3:05:48. Icknield RC (hilly, 25 miles): D Knight (Olympia Sport), 1:00:25. Team: Hemel Hempstead CC, 3:12:15. Tyne RC (25 miles): H Walker (GS Metro), 57:23. Sussex CA (two-up, 24.5 miles): S Dennis and S Elms (East Grinstead CC), 55:58. Beauvale CC (hilly, 24 miles): G Giddings (Delta RT), 58:24. Kettering Amateur CC (hilly, 23.4 miles): P Rayner (Leicestershire RC), 56:21. Team: Milton Keynes CC, 3:02:54. Border CA (Hampshire, two-up, 20 miles): D Cottington and J Pegg (Charlotteville CC), 42:36. Edinburgh BC (20 miles): C Isatts (Berwick Wheelers), 48:57. Team: Berwick Wheelers, 2:33:42.

ROAD RACES: Manchester Velo Handicap (Byley, Cheshire, 40 miles): I Ashman (Rossendale RC), 1:34:05. Calder Clarion (Wakefield, 50km): D Webb (Bradford Olympic RC), 1:13.00.

MILAN TO SAN REMO RACE (Italy unless stated): 1, G Furlan 7hr 5min 37sec; 2, M Cipollini at 20sec; 3, A Baffi; 4, S Zanini; 5, K Hundertmark (Ger), all same time. World Cup: 1, Furlan 50pts; 2, Cipollini 35.

EQUESTRIANISM

PARIS: Volvo Showjumping World Cup qualifier: 1, Bollvorm's Libero (J Lansink, Holl) 0 faults, 29.32sec; 2, Everest Milton (J Whitaker, GB) 0, 30.94; 3, Argelith's Piccolino (R Tebbel, Ger) 0, 33.13; 4, Everest Midnight Madness (M Whitaker, GB) 4 in 30.31. European League for World Cup: 1, J Lansink 116pts; 2, M Whitaker 93; 3, F Sloothaak 89; 6, J Whitaker 52.

HOCKEY

Men

LAHORE: Champions Trophy: Saturday: Great Britain 0 Germany 1. Yesterday: Pakistan 2 Holland 1, Germany 3 Spain 2, Australia 5 Great Britain 4

HA TROPHY: Ashford 2 Blackheath 1, Bowdon 1 Barnes 0.

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Kent/Sussex: Gravesend 0 Tunbridge Wells 1

CHESTER: Home countries championships: Under-18: Wales 1 Ireland 5, England 4 Scotland 0. Under-16: Ireland 2 Wales 1; England 11 Scotland 0

Women

AEWHA CUP: Fifth round: Balsam Leicester 1 Ealing 4 (after penalty strokes), Bracknell 0 Loughborough Students 1; Chelmsford 6 Tulse Hill 0; Exmouth 1 Aldridge 0; Guildford 0 Hightown 3, Ipswich 1 FP Sutton Coldfield 4, Olton 1 Doncaster 3; Slough 6 Bradford Swithenbank 1

AEWHA PLATE: Fourth round: Chester 1 Bexleyheath 1 (3-2 pens). Deeside Ramblers 1 Crostyx 1 (6-5 pens); Hampstead 1 Greater Manchester Police 0; Letchworth 0 Bridgnorth 1, Lillington 2 Old Loughtonians 2 (3-5 pens); Redbridge 1 West Witney 0; Saracens 5 Green Dragons 0; Springfields 4 Eastleigh 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Balsam Leicester 3 Clifton 0; Ealing 0 Hightown 2, FP Sutton Coldfield 3 Chelmsford 2; Ipswich 0 Slough 0. Leading positions: 1, Leicester, 26; 2, Ipswich, 24; 3, Slough, 22; 4, Hightown, 22; 5, Sutton Coldfield, 21. First division: Doncaster 1 Bradford 1; Pickwick 0 Bracknell 2, Trojans 3 Exmouth 1; Wimbledon 1 Bluebarts 0. Leading positions: 1, Trojans, 22; 2, Bracknell, 21; 3, Wimbledon, 20. Second division: Harleston Magpies 0 Canterbury 1; Olton and West Warwickshire 2 Great Harwood 0; Sherwood 1 Colwall 1; Woking 2 Sunderland 1. Bedans 1. Second division: 1, Canterbury 25; 2, Bedans, 23; 3, Sherwood, 19.

EAST LEAGUE: Bexleyheath 3 Sevenoaks 0; Cambridge City 1 Hemel Hempstead 0; Saracens 1 St Albans 4; Welwyn Garden City 2 Redbridge 1 (St Albans qualify for National League play-off).

MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Belper 1 Hampton 2; Crimson Ramblers 0 Aldridge 2; Kettering 2 Loughborough Ladies 0; Tamworth 0 Loughborough Students 5

NORTH LEAGUE: Liverpool 1 Newcastle 1; Ormskirk Ford 1 York 1; Poynton 2 Carlisle 0; Springfields 0 Chester 0.

SOUTH LEAGUE: Cheam 0 Camberley 1, Dulwich 1 Winchester 1; Ealing B 2 West Witney 0; Reading 3 Winchmore Hill 0; Southampton 2 Guildford 3; Worthing 1 City of Portsmouth 1.

WEST LEAGUE: Bournemouth 2 Exeter 0, Cheltenham 2 St Austell 0; Gloucester 0 Redland 3; Swindon 3 Leominster 0; Weston 1 Clifton II 0; Wimborne 1 Exeter II 1; Yate 1 East Gloucs 2.

DUBLIN: International tournament: Italy 1, United States 2; Ireland 1 Wales 0; Wales 1 Italy 1; Ireland 1 United States 2. Final placings: 1, United States 6pts, 2, Ireland 4; 3, Italy 1; 4, Wales 1.

FENCING

BATH: National sabre championships: 1, N Fletcher (Salle Frohlich); 2, J Williams (Salle Frohlich); equal 3, R Cohen (Salle Frohlich), 1 Williams (Hammersmith)

EPSOM: De Beaumont Cup: Women's foil international: 1, L Strachan (Salle Paul); 2, F McIntosh (Salle Paul) 3, B Condor (Sussex House).

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LGE: First division (A): Coventry 57 Bradford 39

RUGBY LEAGUE

John Smith's international match

France	4	Great Britain	12

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Featherstone	22	Widnes	29

Featherstone: Tries: Bibb, Gibson, Pearson, Roper. Goals: Pearson 3. Widnes: Tries: Ruane 2, Tyrer, Wright. Goals: Goulding 6. Dropped goal: Goulding. Att: 3,200.

Halifax	42	Hull KR	26

Halifax: Tries: Hallis 2, Schuster 2, Dwony, Preston, Round, Roy, Southernwood. Goals: Schuster 5. Hull KR: Tries: Barkworth, Chamberlain, M Fletcher, Halafihi, Hutchinson. Goals: M Fletcher 3. Att: 4,677.

Oldham	20	Wakefield	20

Oldham: Tries: Clarke, Crompton, Kuib, Liddiard. Goal: Abram, Liddiard. Wakefield: Tries: Paul 2, Sodje, Wilson. Goals: Paul 2. Att: 3,718.

Postponed: Hull v Sheffield.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	23	19	0	4	618	407	38
Wigan	20	17	0	3	569	269	34
Warrington	23	17	0	6	470	317	34
Castleford	22	15	1	6	611	320	31
Halifax	23	13	2	8	506	407	28
St Helens	23	13	1	9	486	407	27
Sheffield	23	12	1	10	509	526	25
Widnes	24	12	0	12	429	489	24
Leeds	23	11	1	11	452	442	23
Featherstone	24	11	1	12	509	523	23
Hull	22	8	2	12	322	374	18
Salford	23	9	0	14	412	483	18
Wakefield	24	7	1	16	341	519	15
Oldham	24	6	1	17	424	508	13
Hull KR	24	6	0	18	378	672	12
Leigh	23	2	1	20	282	635	5

Second division

Barrow	23	Dewsbury	16
Batley	32	Swinton	8
Doncaster	96	Highfield	0
Hunslet	10	Rochdale	33
Keighley	50	Carlisle	12
London Crus	20	Workington	20
Ryedale Yk	50	Bramley	0
Whitehaven	9	Huddersfield	4

JJB SPORTS ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL: France 10 Great Britain 8.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Nottingham City 8 Chorley 52; Dudley Hill 17 Leigh MW 6; West Hull 30 Egremont 10; Wigan St Patricks 27 Askam 4; Woolston 56 Blackpool 0. Postponed: Saddleworth v Hemel Hempstead.

WINFIELD CUP: Gold Coast 25 Brisbane 12; Canberra 46 South Sydney 16; North Sydney 26 Eastern Suburbs 8; St George 6 Penrith 8; Illawarra 18 Manly-Warringah 18; Canterbury-Bankstown 14 Cronulla-Sutherland 15; Newcastle 18 Western Suburbs 19; Parramatta 12; Balmain 14

GOLF

ORLANDO, Florida: Men's tournament (US unless stated): 205: V Singh (Fiji) 68, 69, 68. 206: T Watson 69, 70, 67; N Price (Zim) 66, 72, 68; A Magee 70, 67, 69. 207: F Zoeller 72, 68, 67; T Lehman 72, 67, 68. 208: L Roberts 70, 70, 68; L Mize 68, 69, 71. 209: B Langer (Ger) 75, 69, 65, J Huston 73, 68, 68; P Goydos 70, 69, 70. 210: G Day 70, 68, 72. Other British scores: 217: I Woosnam 71, 72, 74. 220: P Baker 74, 72, 74

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff 8 Durham 7, Fife 10 Bracknell 6; Nottingham 10 Whitley Bay 5, Peterborough 11 Basingstoke 5; Sheffield 8 Murrayfield 6; Billingham 11 Humberside 14. First division: Chelmsford 12 Dumfries 0; Medway 5 Solihull 3, Milton Keynes 7 Guildford 5, Romford 7 Streatham 3; Slough 12 Paisley 7, Swindon 21 Oxford 2; Telford 14 Trafford 7

EUROPEAN UNDER-19 CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool C: Great Britain 15 Bulgaria 1, Great Britain 3 Croatia 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Florida 4 Edmonton 4; Toronto 4 St Louis 2; New York Islanders 2 Buffalo 2, Chicago 7 New York Rangers 3; Dallas 6 Washington 2. Saturday: Hartford 5 Philadelphia 3; New Jersey 8 Boston 6; Pittsburgh 5 Vancouver 4; Los Angeles 2 San Jose 1; Montreal 5 Quebec 2; Winnipeg 4 Detroit 2.

ICE SKATING

CHIBA, Japan: World championships: Men's qualifying: Group A: 1, E Stojko (Can) 1.0pt; 2, P Candeloro (Fr) 2.0; 3, E Millot (Fr) 3.0; 4, M Tyllesen (Den) 4.0, 5, A Vlaschenko (Lat) 5.0; 6, M Christensen (Can) 6.0; 7, I Pashkevich (Russ) 7.0; 8, Jung Il-sung (S Kor) 8.0; 9, A Nielsen (US) 9.0; 10, B Tsintsadze (Geo) 10.0; 11, F Oikawa (Japan) 11.0, 12, M Leminen (Fin) 12.0. Group B: 1, A Urmanov (Russ) 1.0; 2, V Zagorodniuk (Ukr) 2.0; 3, S Davis (US) 3.0; 4, S Britten (Can) 4.0, 5, O Tataurov (Russ) 5.0; 6, M Kagiyama (Japan) 6.0; 7, M Shmerkin (Isr) 7.0, 8, S Cousins (GB) 8.0; 9, D Liu (Taiwan) 9.0; 10, Z Kerekes (Hun) 10.0; 11, R Winkler (Ger) 11.0; 12, S Carr (Aus) 12.0.

LACROSSE

MILTON KEYNES: Delight national schoolgirls championships: Semi-finals: Berkhamsted 4 Wycombe Abbey 2; Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree 2 Downe House, Newbury 0. Final: Haberdashers' Aske's 1 Berkhamsted 1 (trophy shared).

NETBALL

EUROPEAN LEAGUE: Republic of Ireland 22 England 78.

NATIONAL CLUBS LEAGUE: New Campbell (Essex) 54 Tongham (Hampshire) 30. New Campbell champions

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND KNOCKOUT CUP: Finals: Under-20 women: Britannia 0, Salford 3. Under-20 men: Newcastle Staffs 3, Dalston 0. Senior women: Sale 1 Britannia 3. Senior men: Lewisham 3 Tooting 0.

WATER POLO

CARDIFF: Home nations championship: Final placings: 1, Scotland; 2, England; 3, Wales; 4, Ireland.

RUGBY UNION

Five nations' championship

England	15	Wales	8
Scotland	12	France	20

Courage Clubs Championship

Fifth division north

Rotherham	76	Durham	3

Insurance Corporation League

First division

Blackrock Col	10	Lansdowne	16
Cork Cons	27	Y Munster	11
Greystones	18	St Mary's Col	12
Shannon	6	Garryowen	0
Wanderers	10	Dungannon	19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Garryowen	9	7	0	2	153	105	14
Cork Cons	8	6	0	2	161	83	12
Blackrock C	8	6	0	2	120	79	12
Lansdowne	9	5	0	4	139	138	10
Y Munster	10	5	0	5	102	149	10
Dungannon	9	4	0	5	168	127	8
Shannon	9	4	0	5	86	82	8
St Mary's C	9	4	0	5	135	145	8
Greystones	9	4	0	5	94	143	8
Old Wesley	9	3	0	6	90	121	6
Wanderers	9	1	0	8	124	210	2

Second division

Bangor	12	Sunday's Well	20
Dolphin	18	Ballymena	29
Galwegians	23	Old Belvedere	13
Old Crescent	31	Malone	17
Terenure	51	Balline	3

Club matches

Birmingham	41	Towcestrians	5
Broughton Pk	34	Bradford	22
Camborne	14	Exeter	12
Fylde	10	Sale	11
Guildford	26	Havant	20
Hereford	3	Matson	21
Liverpool St H	49	Tynedale	0
L Welsh	11	Cardiff	77
Newcastle G	29	Morley	3
Preston G	14	Huddersfield	3
Redruth	22	Penryn	15
Richmond	26	L Scottish	28
Sheffield	5	Waterloo	31
W Hartlepool	25	Leeds	14
Weston-s-Mare	27	Stourbridge	12
Melrose	56	Langholm	6
Currie	18	Peebles	0
Watsonians	16	Glasgow High	22
Stirling Co	37	Gordonians	21

CLUB MATCH: Tiverton 44 Devon XV 12.

SKIING

VAIL, Colorado: World Cup: Women's giant slalom: 1, M Ertl (Ger) 2min 18.54sec; 2, V Schneider (Switz) 2:19.32; 3, A Berge (Nor) 2:19.76. Final giant slalom placings: 1, A Wachter (Austria) 635pts; 2, Schneider 516; 3, D Compagnoni (It) 515. World Cup overall: 1, Schneider 1,556pts; 2, P Wiberg (Swe) 1,343; 3, Salzinger 1,195; 4, Wachter 1,035; 5, Ertl 883; 6, Compagnoni 841. Men's giant slalom: 1, K Aamodt (Nor) 2:25.62; 2, C Mayer (Austria) 2:25.80; 3, S Locher (Switz) 2:25.88. Final giant slalom placings: 1, Mayer 498pts; 2, Aamodt 494; 3, F Piccard (Fr) 414. Men's slalom: cancelled because of warm weather. Final slalom placings: 1, A Tomba (It) 540pts; 2, T Stangassinger (Austria) 452; 3, J Kosir (Slovenia) 421. Final World Cup overall: 1, Aamodt 1,392pts; 2, M Girardelli (Lux) 1,007, 3, Tomba 822; 4, G Mader (Austria) 820; 5, H Trinkl (Austria) 701; 6, J Thorsen (Nor) 657

SWIMMING

GELSENKIRCHEN: World Cup (fifth round) Saturday: Men: 100m freestyle: 1, A Popov (Russ) 46.74 (world record); 11, M Foster (GB) 49.98. 400m freestyle: 1, J Hoffmann (Ger) 3:44.84; 8, A Clayton (GB) 3:54.11. 100m backstroke: 1, Popov, 52.74 (European record); 50m breaststroke: 1, O Djaburia (Ukr) 27.24 (European record), 200m breaststroke: 1, D Jarzyna (Pol) 2:11.66; 50m butterfly: 1, M Foster (GB) 23.72 (equals world record); 200m butterfly: 1, D Pankratov (Russ) 1:56.29; 9, K Crosby (GB) 2:01.74. 100m medley: 1, C Keller (Ger) 55.39; 8, F Walker (GB) 57.28. 400m medley: 1, Keller, 4:12.10; 8, D Warren (GB) 4:24.84. Women: 50m freestyle: 1, L Jingyi (China) 24.92; 200m freestyle: 1, F van Almsick (Ger) 1:56.32; 800m freestyle: 1, D Hase (Ger) 8:24.88; 50m backstroke: 1, S Voelker (Ger) 27.94 (European record); 200m backstroke: 1, A Buschschulte (Ger) 2:09.50; 6, H Slatter (GB) 2:14.77. 100m breaststroke: 1, D Guohong (China) 1:08.72; 100m butterfly: 1, M Jacobsen (Den) 59.49; 11, N Goodwin (GB) 1:02.93. 200m medley: 1, B Vestergaard (Den) 2:11.81; 4, Slatter 2:14.31

Yesterday: Men: 50m freestyle: 1, R Majuolis (Lith) 21.52sec; 2, A Popov (Russ) 21.55; 4, M Foster (GB) 22.15. 200m freestyle: 1, A Holmertz (Swe) 1:45.34; 9, A Clayton (GB) 1:50.01. 800m freestyle: 1, J Hoffmann (Ger) 7:42.73, 50m backstroke: 1, Popov (Russ) 24.67; 200m backstroke: 1, V Selkov (Russ) 1:53.92; 100m breaststroke: 1, O Djaburia (Ukr) 1:00.12. 100m butterfly: 1, D Pankratov (Russ) 52.82, 8, Foster, 55.11, 22, K Crosby, 56.26. 200m medley: 1, C Keller (Ger) 1:57.51; 8, F Walker (GB) 2:03.92; 10, D Warren (GB) 2:04.98. Women: 100m freestyle: 1, F van Almsick (Ger) 54.24; 400m freestyle: 1, D Hase (Ger) 4:06.05; 100m backstroke: 1, B Xiuyu (China) 59.62; 11, H Slatter (GB) 1:03.87. 50m breaststroke: 1, P Hartung (Ger) 32.08. 200m breaststroke: 1, D Guohong (China) 2:26.57; 50m butterfly: 1, A Martino (US) 26.94; 200m butterfly: 1, M Jacobsen (Den) 2:10.68, 5, Slatter 2:13.54; 12, A MacKay (GB) 2:18.23, 14, N Goodwin (GB) 2:18.48. 100m medley: 1, A Martino (US) 1:01.81; 400m medley: 1, B Vestergaard (Den) 4:3.02; 5, Slatter 4:43.46.

BRISBANE: Women's 200m Individual medley: E Overton (Aus) 2min 14.88sec (Commonwealth record)

TENNIS

BISHAM ABBEY: LTA under-18 international tournament: Boys' singles: Semi-finals: M Lee (GB) bt J Varlet (Fr) 3-6, 6-1, 7-5; H Andersson (Swe) bt L Milligan (GB) 7-6, 3-6, 7-6. Final: Andersson bt Lee 6-0, 4-6, 6-4. Boys' doubles: Final: P Martin and J Williams (GB) bt I Lukaco and P Pakay (Hun) 6-3, 7-5. Girls' singles: Semi-finals: E Tikhankina (Russ) bt I Taesch (Fr) 4-6, 6-4, 7-5; A Mauresmo (Fr) bt R Vidats (Hun) 6-2, 3-6, 8-0. Final: Mauresmo bt Tikhankina 1-6, 6-1, 6-3. Girls' doubles: Final: N Dechy (Fr) and Taesch bt M Pape and M Rasmussen (Den) 6-4, 3-6, 7-6.

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LEGAL NOTICES

No 00936 of 1994
IN THE COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MR REGISTRAR BUCKLEY
IN THE MATTER OF McCARTHY & STONE PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated 9th March 1994 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £4,275,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 16th day of March 1994.
Travers Smith Braithwaite
21st March 1994
Solicitors for the Company

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
T ROCK PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 106 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that FINAL MEETINGS of the MEMBERS & CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at the offices of Harris Kafton, 28 Bolton Street, Mayfair, London W1Y 8HB on FRIDAY the 22 day of April 1994 at 3.00pm and 3.15pm respectively
Dated this 15 day of March 1994
MALCOLM B HARRIS, Liquidator

TO PLACE ALL YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE CALL CONNIE EDWARDS
TEL: 071-782 7344
or
FAX: 071-481 9313

Spare Interior Systems Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 28th March 1994 at 3.00 pm for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED THIS 16th March 1994
M J Maynard - Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Bonanza Import and Export Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Regency House, 33 Wood Street, Barnet, Hertfordshire EN5 4BE on Friday the 25 day of March 1994 at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Regency House, 33 Wood Street, Barnet, Herts EN5 4BE during usual business hours on 23 and 24 March 1994.
Dated this 14 day of March 1994
By order of the Board
Mrs F Weeks Secretary.

UNITED PROVINCIAL SERVICES LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, M4 1QD on Wednesday 23 March 1994 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2) (a) of the Act, Mr S Lord of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require. DATED THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
MR P J MACCARTHY, DIRECTOR

WOODFORD PARK LANDSCAPES LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Friday 25th March 1994 at 12 o'clock noon for the purposes mentioned in sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Peter Lomas and Stephen James Wainwright of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD are appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioners who will furnish creditors with such information they may reasonably require.
DATED THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
H.A. JENKINS, (DIRECTOR)

W. Baxter & Sons Limited
REGISTERED NO. 1608257
A Meeting of Unsecured Creditors has been convened by the Joint Administrative Receivers of the above-mentioned Company pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 for the purpose of presenting to that Meeting a copy of the Report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48(1) of the said Act and for the purpose, should the Creditors think fit, to establish a Committee of Creditors under the provisions of Section 49 of the said Act.
The Meeting will be held as follows:
Date: 29th March 1994 Time: 11 a.m.
Place: 6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London E14 9SN
Creditors whose claims are wholly Secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the Meeting
A Creditor will only be entitled to vote at the Creditors Meeting if:- (a) he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12 o'clock noon on the business day before the day fixed for the Meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules, and
(b) there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers a Proxy which the Creditor intends to be used on his behalf. A Form of Proxy is attached (Form 8.5).
Date: 11 March 1994
COLIN G WISEMAN AND PETER A. LAWRENCE
JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
6 Raleigh House,
Admirals Way,
Waterside,
London E14 9SN

COMPANY NOTICES

QUEBEC CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY
Notice to Security Holders
The Annual General Meeting of the Security Holders of Quebec Central Railway Company will be held in The Conference Room, Room 339, Windsor Station, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, on Wednesday, the 20th day of April, 1994, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon for presentation of the financial statements; the election of two directors to represent the Security Holders of the Company until the next Annual General Meeting of the Company; the appointment of auditor of the Company; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D.J. Kezar
Secretary
MONTREAL, Quebec
February 24, 1994

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities: 1 The Charities Aid Foundation Balanced Growth Fund
2 The Charities Aid Foundation Income Fund
The Commissioners propose to make Schemes for these charities. A copy of the draft Schemes can be seen at the registered office of the Charities Aid Foundation, 48 Pembury Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JD or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Albans House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting reference SPJ-803,287CD(Lon)). Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

RESULTS FROM 11 POINT-TO-POINT MEETINGS

CAMBRIDGESHIRE (Horseheath): Hunt: 1, Copper Thistle (P Taiano); finished alone. PPOA: 1, Millbay (N Bloom, 4-5 fav), 2, Who's Next; 3, Very Touching. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Azusa (S Cowell, 3-1); 2, Dromin Leader; 3, Sandstown. 8 ran. Open: 1, Melton Park (N Bloom, 1-3 fav); 2, Oh Why; 3, Run Token. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Richard Hunt (Miss L Rowe, 1-4 fav); 2, As You Were; 3, Roman Wood. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Horace (O Vaughan-Jones, 6-4); 2, Honest Fred; 3, Pendil's Joy. 11 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Era's Imp (Miss S Baskerville, 20-1); 2, Mondmezzo; 3, Wayward Quay. 9 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Stanwick Fariap (T Marks, 3-1 fav), 2, Majestic Ride; 3, Tosh. 10 ran.

CARMARTHENSHIRE (Lydstep): Hunt: 1, Butt And Ben (R Pearse, 3-1); 2, Judgeroger, 3, Pits Delight. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Chief Ironside (J Jukes, 4-1); 2, The Blue Boy; 3, Daisy Miller. 13 ran. Ladies: 1, Glen Oak (Miss G Gibson, 2-1 fav), 2, Mount Falcon; 3, Charlotte Lane. 6 ran. Open: 1, Jack Sound (J Jukes, 4-5 fav); 2, Andreiot; 3, Origami. 6 ran. Rest I: 1, Chibougama (J Llewellyn, 5-4 fav); 2, Corry's Caper; 3, Sharing Thoughts. 10 ran. Rest II: 1, Landsker Alfred (Mrs K Smith-Maxwell, 4-1); 2, Buttonwood Sound; 3, Medieval Queen. 6 ran. Mdn I: 1, My Pilot (J Price, Evens fav); 2, Phar Too Touchy, 3, Sister Lark. 9 ran. Mdn II: 1, Proud Drifter (D S Jones, 6-1), 2, Bryn's Story; 3, Woodvillage. 9 ran. Mdn III: 1, Huntsham Castle (P Hamer, 6-4), 2, Parr; 3, Royal Oats. 11 ran. Mdn IV: 1, Bancyfelin Boy (J P Keen, 7-2); 2, Carew Mill; only 2 finished. 10 ran

CLEVELAND (Witton Castle): Confined: 1, Cromwell Point (N Wilson, 3-1); 2, Extra Beat; 3, Glen Lochan. 21 ran. Rest: 1, Tobin Bronze (R Tate, 5-1); 2, Earl Gray; 3, Glenbricken. 14 ran. Open: 1, Mick's Tycoon (S Swiers, 3-1 fav), 2, Mahana; 3, Weagh Lad. 14 ran. Ladies: 1, Duntime (Mrs J Brown, 5-2); 2, Across The Lake; 3, Papas Surprise. 9 ran. Open Mdn (Div I part I): 1, Hello Sensation (P Craggs, 3-1); 2, Rhythmical Beat; 3, Just Charlie. 12 ran. Open Mdn (Div I part I): 1, Mighty Miss (Mrs J Brown, 7-4 fav); 2, Sonny-P, only 2 fin. 12 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Green Sheen (C Wilson, 1-3 fav); 2, Abdul Emir; 3, Kevinsline. 14 ran. Open Mdn III: 1, Home Dove (M Sowersby, 8-1); 2, Celtic Blaze; 3, General Rusty. 18 ran. Open Mdn (Div IV): 1, Smart Pal (S Brisby, 4-6 fav); 2, No Reply; 3, Flying Lion. 16 ran. Hunt: 1, Tooting Times (R Tate, Evens fav); 2, Russian Lion; 3, Jolly Ghost. 12 ran.

DART VALE & HALDON HARRIERS (Ottery St Mary): Hunt: 1, Departure (J Culloty, 12-1); 2, Bluechipenterprise; 3, Curraheen Lad. 5 ran. Intermediate: 1, Little Might (Miss L Blackford, Evens fav); 2, Constant Official; 3, Chevalogan. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Olveston (W G Turner, 9-4); 2, Air Truth; 3, Benjamin Lancaster. 11 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Just A Memory (C Heard, 40-1); 2, Kings Alderman; 3, Bayford Energy. 14 ran. Rest: 1, Cragg Boreen (W G Turner, 7-4 fav); 2, Proud Point; 3, Prewell. 14 ran. Mdn I, 1, Roving Rebel (A Wonnacott, 13-2), 2, Wot Pet, 3, Hi Duchess. 11 ran. Mdn II: 1, Christmas Bash (T Greed, 5-1); 2, Treagle; 3, Princess Polly. 15 ran.

EGLINTON (Bogside): Hunt: 1, States General (D Caldwell, Evens fav); 2, Maclennan; only 2 fin. 3 ran. Open: 1, Randolph Place (K Anderson, 1-5 fav); 2, Gunmetal Boy, 3, Andrew. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Festival Fancy (Miss P Robson, 1-4 fav); 2, Linn Falls; 3, The Waltzing Mouse. 13 ran. Rest: 1, Minibrig (Miss P Robson, 7-4); 2, Flower Of Scotland; 3, Go Silly. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Tartan Trademark (K Anderson, 4-11 fav); 2, Paddy Haylon, 3, Almost Tomorrow. 8 ran. Open Mdn (Div I): 1, No Joker (Miss P Robson, 16-1); 2, Betty Betty; 3, Estimated. 17 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Trap Dancer (Miss P Robson, 2-1 fav); 2, General Delight; 3, Suny Zeta. 11 ran.

NEW FOREST BUCKHOUNDS (Larkhill): Hunt: 1, Bean Dreams (Miss S King, 5-2), 2, Al-Khalida; only 2 finished. 3 ran. Open Mdn (5-8yo) I: 1, My Matcho Man (Mrs J Gault, 4-5 fav); 2, Glidgegannup, 3, Simply Joyful. 9 ran. Open Mdn (5-8yo) II: 1, Celtic Spark (M Miller, 5-2); 2, Familiar Friend; 3, Gramme. 12 ran. Open Mdn (5-8yo) III: 1, Trust The Kut (G Matthews, 16-1); 2, Mary Borough; 3, Clovers Last. 13 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Impy Condor (R Atkinson, 4-5 fav); 2, Forest Stone; 3, Bales. 9 ran. Inter: 1, Trundle (M Felton, 3-1); 2, Stolen Star; 3, Springfield Lad. 9 ran. Rest I: 1, Prince Of Verona (C Ward-Thomas, 11-10 fav); 2, Baroness Spider; 3, Copper Rose Hill. 14 ran. Rest II: 1, Woodbury Fair (M Felton, 7-4); 2, Master Ryon; 3, Remiosa. 16 ran. Confined: 1, Carford Palm (M Felton, 4-7 fav); 2, Winnie Lorraine; 3, Edge Of The Glen. 7 ran.

QUANTOCK STAGHOUNDS (Wiston): Hunt: 1, Dubit (Miss J Brackenbury, 1-3 fav); 2, Belfry Lad; only 2 finished. 4 ran. Ladies: 1, Basilea (Miss J Brackenbury, 6-4 jt fav); 2, Woodurather, 3, Yanbu. 8 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, West Quay (H Rowsell, 6-4); 2, Woodway; 3, Unityfarm Oltowner. 10 ran. Confined: 1, Ha'penny Bridge (Miss S Cobden, 14-1); 2, Badihar; 3, Fly The Wind. 9 ran. PPOA: 1, Skipping Gale (Miss P Curling, Evens fav), 2, Standaway; 3, Bitofadifference. 11 ran. Mdn (Div I): 1, What A Hand (Miss P Curling, 3-1); 2, Highway Jim; 3, Admirals Landing. 13 ran. Mdn II: 1, Still In Business (Miss P Curling, 7-4 fav); 2, Kiwizz; 3, Bonus Boy. 11 ran.

SOUTH HEREFORDSHIRE (Garnons): Hunt: 1, Beldora (M Jackson, 1-3 fav); finished alone. 2 ran. Confined: 1, Spartan Chief (D Duggan, 10-1); 2, Carly's Castle; 3, Geo Potheen. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Darring Bud (Miss A Downs, 5-2 fav); 2, Double Handfull; 3, Right As Ninepence. 14 ran. Open: 1, Yahoo (Julian Pritchard, 5-4 fav); 2, Lochingall; 3, Ticarc. 11 ran. PPOA: 1, Music Minstrel (T Edwards, 5-4 fav); 2, Millie Belle; 3, New Part. 6 ran. Rest I: 1, The Glazier (M Wellings, 33-1); 2, Wooden Minstrel; 3, Queen Of Sparta. 13 ran. Rest II: 1, Churchill Star (D Duggan, Evens fav); 2, Celtic Abbey, 3, Zelina. 16 ran. Mdn (5-7yo) I: 1, For Michael (J Pritchard, 8-11 fav); 2, Glitterbird; 3, Surrendell. 10 ran. Mdn (5-7yo) II: 1, Missile Lady (T Stephenson, 14-1); 2, The Rum Mariner, 3, Cut The Corn. 14 ran.

SOUTH WOLD (Market Rasen): Hunt: 1, Cawkwell Dean (S R Andrews, 4-11 fav); 2, Matric; only 2 finished. 4 ran. Confined: 1, Rain Mark (M Chatterton, 11-4 fav); 2, Directly; 3, Celtic King. 15 ran. Ladies: 1, Penny Lover (Mrs M Morris, 20-1); 2, Master Salesman; 3, Regent Cross. 11 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Okeetee (B Crawford, 20-1); 2, Good Waters; 3, Sheriff's Band. 10 ran. Rest I: 1, Sea Arrow (Mrs M Morris, 5-4 fav); 2, Drumard, 3, Statfold Pam. 10 ran. Rest II: 1, Layedback Jack (Mrs J Dawson, 1-3 fav); 2, Swell Romance; 3, Eastern Statesman; 3, Chat-A-Long. 9 ran. Mdn I: 1, Forward View (P Hutchinson, 9-2); 2, Pocket Watch; 3, Deep Chance. 15 ran. Mdn II: 1, Force Eight (Mrs J Dawson, 8-1), 2, Granby Gap, 3, Tresillian Bay. 14 ran.

STAFF COLLEGE & RMA DRAG (Tweseldown): Hunt: 1, Southernair (N Benstead, 4-7 fav), 2, Rarely At Odds; 3, Castle Jester. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Lordy Boy (Miss G Bader, 14-1); 2, Phaloff; 3, Oannass. 7 ran. Confined: 1, Darton Ri (J Masse, 14-1); 2, Minstrel Man; 3, Atatoun. 8 ran. Land Rover Open: 1, Celtic Flame (A Martin, 4-1), 2, Dalametre; 3, Watermead. 8 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, What About That (Ire) (T Lacey, 3-1 fav), 2, Lawnswood Sun, 3, Quail Creek. 9 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Sunley Street (Miss S Vickery, 3-1 jt fav), 2, Remember Mac, 3, Cruising Sunset. 9 ran. Rest: 1, Drumceva (Miss S Vickery, 7-4); 2, River Galaxy; 3, Spernin View. 8 ran.

WEST STREET TICKHAM (Detling): Hunt: 1, Rusty Rails (Mrs N Ledger, 7-2), 2, Golden Pela; 3, Northern Saint. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Colonial Kelly (C Newport, 4-6 fav); 2, Karn Park, 3, Burromariner. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Raglan Road (Miss A Embiricos, 6-1), 2, Moloy Boy; 3, Clover Coin. 11 ran. Open: 1, Another Troup (P Bull, 4-6 fav); 2, Nathan Blake; 3, Triumphant Lad. 11 ran. Rest: 1, High Revs (Miss S Belcher, 7-4); 1, Wellington Bay (C Newport, 7-4 fav); 2, Cuckoo Pen. 18 ran. Maiden I: 1, Greybury Lane (P Bull, 8-1); 2, Motor Cloak; 3, Tutter's Garth. 12 ran. Mdn II: 1, Bright Crusader (A Warr, 16-1), 2, Black Arrow, 3, Forget The Blues. 12 ran.





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Under the influence of genius

Goya's images strike a chord with a growing number of contemporary artists. Alison Roberts reports

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John Bellany, top, and Peter Howson have found inspiration in both the subject matter and techniques of Goya, who painted this self-portrait in his studio in 1794-95

Goya's genius was slow to win recognition; for many years his alien talent was overshadowed by the classical Velázquez. It was Baudelaire, perhaps recognising a kindred spirit, who made one of the first public statements of admiration.

The poet's critique of the paintings, which appeared in *Le Présent* in 1857, finished: "In a word, it is impossible to say precisely at what point reality and fantasy are knitted together and joined."

Truth and Fantasy — the title of the Goya exhibition at the Royal Academy — lie at the heart of the painter's modern influence. His now profound reputation is based on an ability to reflect the outside world and simultaneously interpret it.

Goya is regarded by many as Europe's first modern artist; his humanism, seen in the portraits and the tapestry cartoons, and his portrayal of moral degradation in the *Disasters of War*, were unique in their time.

> "Goya was not just painting a snapshot of life, but an X-ray"

Goya is also a painters' painter. His fascination with artistic technique and materials has proved highly important.

Nigel Osborne, the contemporary composer, is haunted by Goya's portrayal of extreme violence in art. Osborne's 1992 chamber opera, *Terrible Mouth*, was directly influenced; it was a nerve-racking production, with a libretto by playwright Howard Barker.

More recently, Osborne has been taking photographs in Bosnia. This exercise has reawakened many of his strong feelings about Goya. "Goya is poised on a very strange threshold between interpretation, which reduces all the pain and suffering to a kind of voyeurism and fantasy, and a documentary side, which shows the 'reality' of war," says Osborne.

"In the same way, I wonder about the ethics of taking photographs in Bosnia — it is vital to inform, but art can distort, stylise and anaesthetise. I think that some of my photos from Mostar will turn out quite beautiful even though they are of utter destruction."

Goya was the first to open a continuing debate "about the relation between images of suffering and our responsibility to communicate them," says Osborne.

For Peter Howson, the official British war artist in Bosnia, an element of voyeurism is an inevitable consequence of the artist's position as observer of conflict. Howson constantly imagined Goya's paintings and etchings during his two tours through the Balkans. The Spanish Civil War and that raging in the former Yugoslavia are directly comparable "because that kind of war has the most atrocities", he says. "Goya does *not* romanticise war. But if you don't interpret it you may as well be an illustrator."

Straight reportage and art do not go together. But Goya's clear social conscience, his horror in the midst of brutality, turned his art into a form of protest.

Goya also goes for human interest in order to provoke strong reactions; his small paintings focus on the individual battered victim rather than the mass. Howson says: "I would like to make my paintings so powerful and moving that viewers actually think they are in Bosnia when they see them. You can *feel* the Spanish Civil War with Goya."

Away from the war paintings and etchings, Goya's technique and his humanism stand out as influential. Ansel Krut, a young painter whose consistent theme, unusually, is the human figure, finds Goya affecting "almost every part of my painting".

Krut's current exhibition at the Gillian Jason Gallery, until the end of the month, features theatrical figures on dark, often empty, backgrounds. He describes paint as a "simple metaphor". It has a "malleable and fleshy substance ... an equivalent for flesh". Goya, he says, mastered this idea. "The paint did not intercede between Goya and his subjects. He was not just painting a snapshot of life, but an X-ray. He got under the skin of his subjects."

Krut remembers sitting in Madrid's Museo del Prado and idly listening to a tour guide. The guide explained that Goya always painted the Queen Maria Luisa in a particular position to disguise the fact that she had no teeth. "That seemed to make a particular kind of sense to Goya. He was not flattering her, but he was not making an issue out of her having no teeth — he was just accepting it because it was human."

Goya's capacity to accept human failings lightheartedly perhaps explains why he reacted with such shock when confronted with war.

John Bellany, RA, points out Goya's wider influence on movements such as Surrealism, Expressionism and Metaphysical art. On a more personal level, Bellany says Goya has "probably had a greater influence on my lifetime's work than any other artist".

Bellany has been affected by both subject matter and technique. "He was making a visual poetry from his own insights into that netherworld between life and death, waking and dreaming, delving deeper into the human psyche than any other artist," Bellany says. "His paint handling, on a deep pink ground quickly dashed down, has a dazzling directness with movement and gesture of the brushmarks which lives and breathes as if it were painted just yesterday."

What also clearly draws contemporary painters to Goya is his personal commitment to his own art. He went beyond the norm of 18th-century painting and he took risks because he was driven by an uncompromising and enlightened vision.

Writing in this month's *Art Review*, figurative painter John Monks describes Goya's paintings as "the evidence of someone who needs to create them in order to make sense of his existence rather than merely to establish a career. What makes the work of an artist like Goya strike such a chord with other painters is that they can recognise in him the ... same doubt, the same desire for answers."

This may sound precious and unlikely in an art world still dominated by artists whose primary purpose appears as a desire to shock. But Monks should not be dismissed. If contemporary art is really moving back towards the disciplines of painting in a world sobered by recession and European war, Goya's influence can only increase.

● Goya: Truth and Fantasy, *in association with* The Times *and Classic FM, with the support of Iberia, at the Royal Academy (071-439 7438) until June 12*

The Times Theatre Club offers, which used to appear on Mondays, are now in the Weekend Times on Saturdays

OPERA REVIEW

Bloodstains on the abattoir floor

Flowers
Chapter Arts Centre, Cardiff

JOHN Hardy's new 90-minute chamber opera for Music Theatre Wales has a lot going for it. Based on Edward Thomas's play *Flowers of the Dead Red Sea*, the opera — Hardy's first — is a piece with a strong social message. Set in our own time, it is about a society that prizes production rather than free thought and threatens to turn us all into automatons.

There are three characters. The two men, Mock and Joe, work in an abattoir and might be brothers; they have a potentially explosive love-hate relationship. Dotty, on her own and somewhere else, spends the opera finding herself. Mock and Joe argue. While Mock, the stoic, in the face of government quotas demanding more, will slaughter only 40 animals a day, Joe, the imaginative but unquestioning one, wants to increase the flow of blood. The conflict reaches its climax when Mock strings Joe up and is about to slit his throat. Dotty appears, Mock succumbs to her remembered love, and Joe is left, literally and figuratively, hanging in the air.

Hardy was brave to make a piece dealing with such fundamental questions, though a libretto (adapted by himself and Heledd Wyn-Hardy) that has a butcher asking the question "What is art?", apropos his craft, does risk seeming a touch self-conscious. At such times what he has intended as real characters become inconceivable, and the flavour can get hectoring.

Yet there is also comedy. What could be an unremittingly grim piece is leavened by such things as Joe claiming to wear Tom Jones's bow-tie (and performing a passable impression), and his relating of a darts match played by Mock's (and his own?) father.

But Hardy's energetic, instinctive music, resourcefully scored for mixed septet, is very much to the point, communicating with commendable flexibility the whole gamut of human emotions. It begins and ends with the sounds of knives being sharpened and, whenever the confrontation between the two men threatens to escalate into something nasty, recalls the neurotic scraping noises familiar from the shower scene in Hitchcock's *Psycho*. A cheap effect, one might think, but it works in the context of the opera's constant swaying from the expressionistic to the surreal.

Richard Aylwin's simple designs — a table, a cold cupboard with a pivoting, two-way mirrored internal partition, some lifting gear hanging from the ceiling and a bloodstained floor — work well, and Michael McCarthy's production grasps the essential claustrophobia. Eirian Davis (Dotty), Gareth Lloyd (Joe) and Michael Bundy (Mock) all give powerful performances, while Michael Rafferty co-ordinates his excellent instrumental team with conviction and style.

STEPHEN PETTITT

ROCK: A personality problem, a talent with attitude and a golden oldie

Ordinary fun

Inspiral Carpets
Astoria

AS IN the fable of the hare and the tortoise, Inspiral Carpets have slowly but surely overhauled many of the Manchester-associated acts who initially raced ahead of them. While the Stone Roses and Happy Mondays have dithered and withered, the five-piece from Oldham have maintained an energetic presence and prospered accordingly.

But their live show did little to dispel the band's besetting problem, which remains its lack of personality. Although an industrious, cheerful bunch, with a talent for writing catchy pop-dance songs with plenty of rock'n'roll bite, they lacked mystique or any truly distinguishing features.

It started with "I Want You", a phenomenal rush of energy propelled by Craig Gill's rattling snare-roll rhythm and lit by a barrage of white spots, flashing fast enough to create a strobe effect. Although "Party In The Sky", which followed, came with a more sedate visual arrangement incorporating a twinkling star backdrop and revolving disco glitter-ball, the lighting tended towards the hyperactive throughout the set. Their recent hit, "Saturn Five", was illustrated by back projections of astronauts, rockets and, yes, planets in space, one of them with rings around it.

But it wasn't enough to disguise how ordinary the band itself was. Dressed in that rather shapeless, baggy style, they looked startlingly plain. The musicianship was capable, if not inspiring, with Clint Boon's cheesy organ sound a more dominant factor than Graham Lambert's guitar.

Tom Hingley's voice had a rich, rounded quality that sounded fine in the upper register, but tended to get lost in the lower reaches, particularly during the verses of their Julian Cope-influenced new single, "Uniform".

The overriding impression was of a group who are only as good as their last song, and a performance which, for all the effort, amounted to little more than the sum of those songs. Fun to bop around to, certainly, but even the big, dramatic chorus of "Saviour" or the measured, slightly melancholy "Two Worlds Collide" failed to achieve the deeper resonance that would turn the band from something good into something great.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Star in the making

Des'ree
Jazz Café, NW1

MUCH has been made lately of the declining influence of British artists on the world's pop market. With America in particular proving resistant so far to bands ranging from Take That to Suede, it is beginning to look as if our soul-influenced acts have the best chance of reversing this downward trend.

A small but significant coals-to-Newcastle victory occurred recently when the mixed race all-woman group Eternal took their single "Stay" into the American chart. And, of the newest wave of black British talent, south London's Des'ree looks to have a better chance than most of making an Atlantic crossing.

Although not yet a major star here at home, there is something of the Sade about her. Des'ree shares the same instinct for a languorous groove and a subtle but insistent melody. This 25-year-old has her own agenda though, and one sharpened considerably since the release of 1991's promising but patchy debut album, Imagine Oleta Adams, minus the supper club training, but with a sociology degree and added attitude. And, as this first of two Jazz Café shows underlined, that attitude is growing ever more central to her work.

She is more eloquent vocally than she is as a writer; even the best of the material from her forthcoming second album, *I Ain't Moving*, leans a little too heavily on lyrical repetition. But there can be no disputing the fact that Des'ree has grown into a gloriously accomplished singer.

A new single, "You Gotta Be", gives a good idea of her current direction. With luck and a little more fine-tuning, a world beyond NW1 could be at her feet.

ALAN JACKSON

Honed alone

Daryl Hall
The Forum, NW5

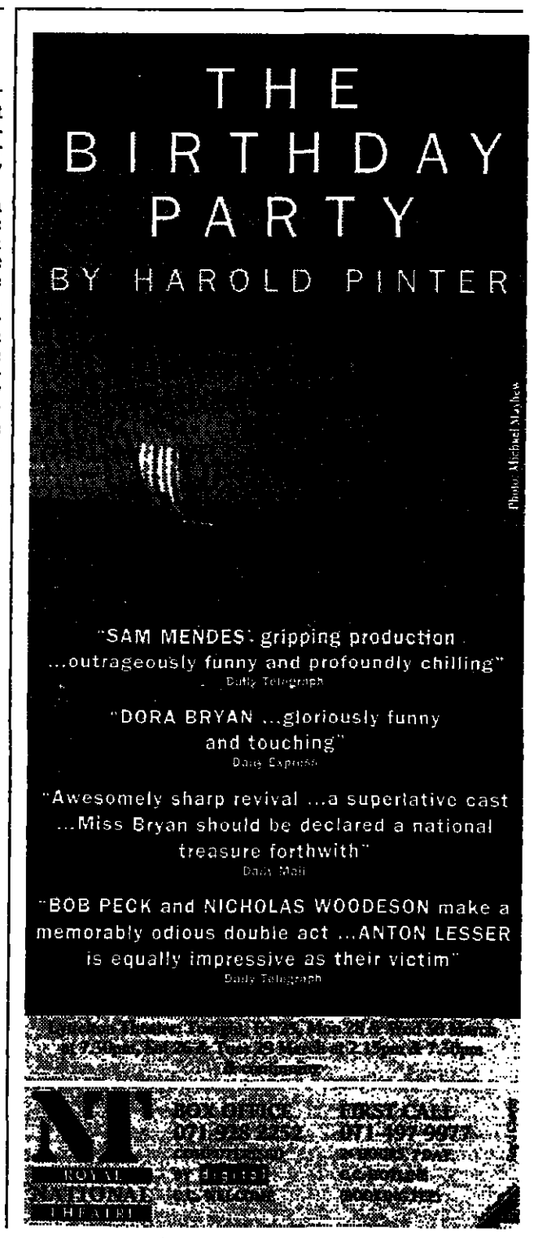
OVER the course of his lengthy career as the tall, blond half of the hit-making machine Hall and Oates, Daryl Hall put out two rather eccentric, commercially unsuccessful solo LPs. Each seemed designed to give play to that more maverick, rock-influenced side of his character not exercised in his increasingly bland work with short, dark John. Last year however, having opted again for a single life professionally, he completed a wonderfully diverse album *Soul Alone* on which he revisited his roots on the blue-eyed fringes of the classic Philadelphia sound — lush strings, edgy rhythms, a declamatory style of singing.

It too was an infrequent visitor to record store counters. The belated hit single, "Stop Loving Me, Stop Loving You", has thrown a new focus on the record though, and resulted in a far more vociferous crowd than when Hall played the same venue four months ago. During the intervening time, his eight-piece band has grasped the plot more firmly too. The *Soul Alone* songs — "Send Me", "Love Revelation", "I'm In A Philly Mood" — no longer had their *raison d'être* pummelled out of them by a thumping back beat, but instead emerged sneaky and seductive.

Hall cuts an odd figure: drainpipe jeans, big jacket, leonine mane and little dark glasses. But this was a bravura performance in which old Hall and Oates-era numbers and a gorgeous version of the old Teddy Pendergrass hit "Love TKO" were thrown in for good measure.

ALAN JACKSON

The name of the group reviewed at the Subterania in Friday's paper was Fluke



TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

FASCINATING AIDA: The clever girls are back with a load of new targets waiting for the satirical FA treatment. **Lyric**, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Previews from tonight, 7.45pm. Opens March 24, 7pm; then Mon to Sat, 7.45pm. Mat Sat April 9, 5pm. Until April 9

JIMMY SMITH: Soulful, high-spirited jazz that formed part of the soundtrack to life for the coffee-bar generation of the Fifties and Sixties which, thanks in part to the acid jazz boom, is enjoying renewed popularity. Saxophonist Herman Riley shares the solo duties in Smith's current quartet, alongside the blues guitarist, Terry Evans. **Dingwalls Jazz Factory**, Camden Lock, London NW1 (071-267 1999). Tonight to Thurs, 8pm. [S]

MEAT LOAF: A huge performer in every sense, the heavy rocker boasts an unrivalled reputation for grandiloquent excess. His show is a lengthy and fevered production, not so much a collection of songs more a succession of extended emotional broadsides. Subtlety is not at a premium, but you have to marvel at the sheer, unbridled effrontery of the man. **Wembley Arena**, Empire Way, Middlesex (081-900 1234). Tonight, Wed and Thurs, 7.30pm. [S]

TREASURED MINIATURES: Although the practical purpose of the Netsuke — as a toggle to hold things in place on pocketless traditional Japanese clothing — has long vanished, the Netsuke as an art form persists. Contemporary practitioners use an extraordinary range of materials and some of the interpretations of the form in this exhibition are very surprising. **British Museum**, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (071-636 1555). Mon to Sat, 10am to 5pm; Sun, 2.30pm to 6pm. Until April 17. [S]

ELSEWHERE

EASTBOURNE: The notorious murder of **Maria Marten** and the resulting scandal for a rural community has been a popular subject for Victorian melodrama. The case is reopened in this new musical play, currently on tour, which focuses on a savage love affair. David Kelsey directs, with John Challis, Nula Conwell and Jean Fergusson. **Devonshire Theatre**, Blackwater Road (0323 412000). Mon to Sat, 8pm, mats Weds and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Mar 26.

EDINBURGH: The **Endellion String Quartet**'s programme includes Bartok's Fifth Quartet and Beethoven's moving last string quartet. **Queen's Hall**, Clerk Street (031-668 3456). 7.45pm.

POOLE: London City Ballet returns to the Towngate with its revival of **Coppélia**, the story of a toy-maker set to Delibes's delightful score. **Towngate Theatre**, Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Road (0202 685222). Mon to Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Mar 26.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life: Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum:** Study of Italian Old Master Drawings; Deities and Devotions: Hindu Art; Victorian Illustrated Books; Himalayan and Japanese Art from the Schmitt-Meade Collection; Contemporary Netsuke (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall:** The Thirties, Anxiety and Escapism (071-928 3002) ... **Hayward:** Salvador Dali/Unbound ... **National Portrait Gallery:** Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery:** Claude, the Poetic Landscape (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts:** Goya — Truth and Fantasy; Art of the Ancient World; The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438) **Tate:** Picasso; Writing on the Wall: women artists (071-887 8008) ... **V & A:** Fabergé; The Golden Age 1730-1780: brass inlaid furniture (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

■ **ANGELS IN AMERICA:** *Millennium Approaches*. Religion, sex, Aids, corrupt politics, a vision of America at the edge of disaster. Tony Kushner's award-winning play. **National** (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). 7pm [S]

◪ **THE BIRTHDAY PARTY:** Anton Lesser is cosseted by Dora Bryan in a strongly cast revival of Pinter's first full length play. Sam Mendes directs. **National** (Lyttleton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). 7.30pm. [S]

■ **CABARET:** Jane Horrocks (Sally Bowles) and Alan Cumming, fresh from Hamlet, as the MC, dancing with death in the last days before Hitler. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, Sat 3pm. Last week.

■ **THE CASE OF REBELLIOUS SUSAN:** Henry Arthur Jones's very daring comedy of 1894 in which a wife is prepared to commit adultery because her husband does. **Orange Tree**, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Mar 24, 31, Apr 7, 2.30pm and Sat (not Mar 19), 4pm. Until Apr 23. [S]

■ **DEAD FUNNY:** Terry Johnson's complex (perhaps too much so) web of connections between sexually arrested comics and their ditto admirers. With Zoë Wanamaker and David Haig. **Hampstead**, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Last week; transfers to Vaudeville, April 6. [S]

□ **DEMOCRACY:** British premiere for Canadian John Murrell's play set in 1863: Walt Whitman and Ralph Waldo Emerson provide sanctuary for two Civil War soldiers and discuss the matter. **Bush**, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon to Sat, 8pm.

□ **THE EAGLE HAS TWO HEADS:** Susannah York directs Lisa Harrow and Stash Kirkbridge as Queen and assassin in Cocteau's romantic drama. **Lilian Baylis**, Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-837 4104). Mon to Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until Apr 2. [S]

■ **HOT SHOE SHUFFLE:** Hit Australian musical about seven tap dancing brothers and their tangle footed sister. Lots of Big Band music. **Queens**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Previews, 8pm. Opens March 22, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **JANE EYRE:** Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith do their best in Fay Weldon's puzzling version. **Playhouse**, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon to Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. [S]

□ **KING LEAR:** Excellent Ben Thomas ages up to play the hero in Talawa Theatre's touring production. The first black Lear to play London since mid-Victorian days. **Cochrane**, Southampton Row, WC1 (071-242 7040). Mon to Sat, 7.30pm. Mats Tue (March 22, April 12), Thurs (March 17, 24, April 14), Sat (April 9) 2.30pm. Until April 16.

□ **KIT AND THE WIDOW: JANUARY SALE:** Suave and stinging, the musical satirists pass comment on the social scene with their familiar skill. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 6pm and 8.30pm. Last week.

■ **THE KITCHEN:** Stephen Daldry's in-the-round Wesker. The stalls are not in use; there is seating on the stage at Dress Circle level, and 30 chefs rushing about. Terrific. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm.

■ **THE LIFE OF GALILEO:** David Hare's new version of the Brecht. With Richard Griffiths. **Almeida**, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until April 2. [S]

□ **THE OLD LADIES:** Faith Brook, Doreen Mantle and Miriam Karlin in Rodney Ackland's tense thriller. **Greenwich**, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until April 2. [S]

■ **THE THREE LIVES OF LUCIE CABROL:** Complicité's profoundly moving staging of John Berger's tale of an enduring Alpine woman. **Riverside Studios**, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats some Sat, 3.30pm. Until Apr 9. [S]

LONG RUNNERS

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

AUTUMN MOON: Clara Law's beautiful, touching film about youthful alienation in Hong Kong, dazzlingly shot in greys and blues. **ICA Cinema** (071-930 3647)

GUNHED (12): Colossal computer tries for world dominance. Low-budget, low-interest Japanese hokum, with Masahiro Takashima and Brenda Bakke. Director, Masato Harada. **Prince Charles** (071-437 8181)

◆ **THE HOUSE OF THE SPIRITS** (15): Highbrow soap opera from Isabelle Allende's epic novel about a Latin-American family's power and passions. With Jeremy Irons, Glenn Close, Meryl Streep. Director, Bille August. **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **Empire** [S] (0800-888 911) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3332)

THE MUSIC OF CHANCE (15): Intriguing if unsatisfactory film from Paul Auster's novel about chance and destiny. James Spader and Mandy Patinkin head a choice cast. **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527)

CURRENT

◆ **THE AGE OF INNOCENCE** (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Winona Ryder. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** [S] (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** [S] (071-437 4343)

◆ **A BRONX TALE** (18): Potent yarn of father, son and neighbourhood wiseguys, from Chazz Palminteri's one-man show. A strong directing debut by Robert De Niro. **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **West End** (0426-915 574)

FAREWELL MY CONCUBINE (15): Chen Kaige's Cannes prizewinner: a bumper bundle of dazzling visuals, Peking Opera, and Chinese history. With Leslie Cheung and Gong Li. **MGMs: Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470) **Minema** (071-235 4225)

◆ **IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER** (15): Father and son share a prison cell. Powerful, urgent film inspired by the Guildford Four stars Daniel Day-Lewis, Pete Postlethwaite and Emma Thompson. Jim Sheridan directs. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** [S] (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800-888 997) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Warner** [S] (071-437 4343)

THE JOY LUCK CLUB (15): Handsome but shallow version of Amy Tan's novel about Chinese-American families and culture. Wayne Wang directs an accomplished cast. **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **MGM Fulham Road** [S] (071-370 2636) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** [S] (071-435 3366)

◆ **THE PELICAN BRIEF** (12): Law student Julia Roberts is trailed by hired killers and the FBI. Sleek, fatuous version of John Grisham's novel. Director, Alan J. Pakula. **Barbican** [S] (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Trocadero** [S] (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3332) **Warner** [S] (071-437 4343)

◆ **PHILADELPHIA** (12): An Aids victim's fight for justice. Compromises galore but dynamically told. With Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington. Jonathan Demme directs. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE REMAINS OF THE DAY** (U): Life and lost chances of an English butler. Immaculate if chilly account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel, with Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson. **Curzons: Mayfair** (071-465 8865) **Phoenix** (071-240 9661) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

◆ **SCHINDLER'S LIST** (15): German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish workers from the camps. Impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg co-stars Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley. **Empire** [S] (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** [S] (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** [S] (071-792 3332)

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◆ **SHORT CUTS** (18): Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. The superb cast includes Andie MacDowell, Bruce Davison, Tim Robbins, Matthew Modine and Lily Tomlin. **Chelsea Cinema** (071-351 3742) **Gate** [S] (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THEATRE: Revivals of three modern classics benefit from fine acting and even better staging

Pinter power in the darkness

The Birthday Party
Lyttelton

THE yawning gape of the Lyttelton is a supremely inappropriate space in which to set the cosy living room of a seaside boarding house, that deceptively safe place where the cheery and chilling events of Pinter's drama are acted out. Perhaps in Richard Eyre's eye, a flash of the old Diaghilev glitters when he allots this theatre to a director: étonne moi!

The answer provided by Sam Mendes and his designer Tom Piper is astonishing and brilliantly successful. The play is set in the 1950s and Mendes keeps it there, but he takes us back to it through the telescope of time in a remarkably literal way.

First of all we are treated to the diddly-diddly theme tune of *Housewife's Choice* and, when the front curtain goes up, the bright little, tight little living room is way back at the rear of the stage, surrounded, top, bottom and sides, by inky dark.

Then the focus, as it were, is tightened and the room advances upon us; Trevor Peacock's Petey walks in with his newspaper and Dora Bryan's Meg peers through the kitchen hatch.

"Is that you, Petey?" she asks, inanely, in her tremulous voice, and we are off.

Twenty-four stage hours later, after the broken Stanley has been escorted off the premises by the sinister Goldberg and McCann, we find Meg and Petey at breakfast again, uttering the same inanities. With "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" now the grimly ironic choice of music, the room is borne away from us, unnervingly shrinking in size, until it vanishes into the heart of a terrace of blank-windowed suburban homes.

In any or every such place, we are left to suppose, fear, guilt and deception are present, and exposure may come.

Unfortunately the gain arrives with loss. The room's enclosing walls muffle the sound of some lines, although Bob Peck (Goldberg) and Nicholas Woodeson (McCann) are the only actors affected. This may be the consequence of having to devise a means of sounding like a well-connected Jew and a grim-faced Free Stater.

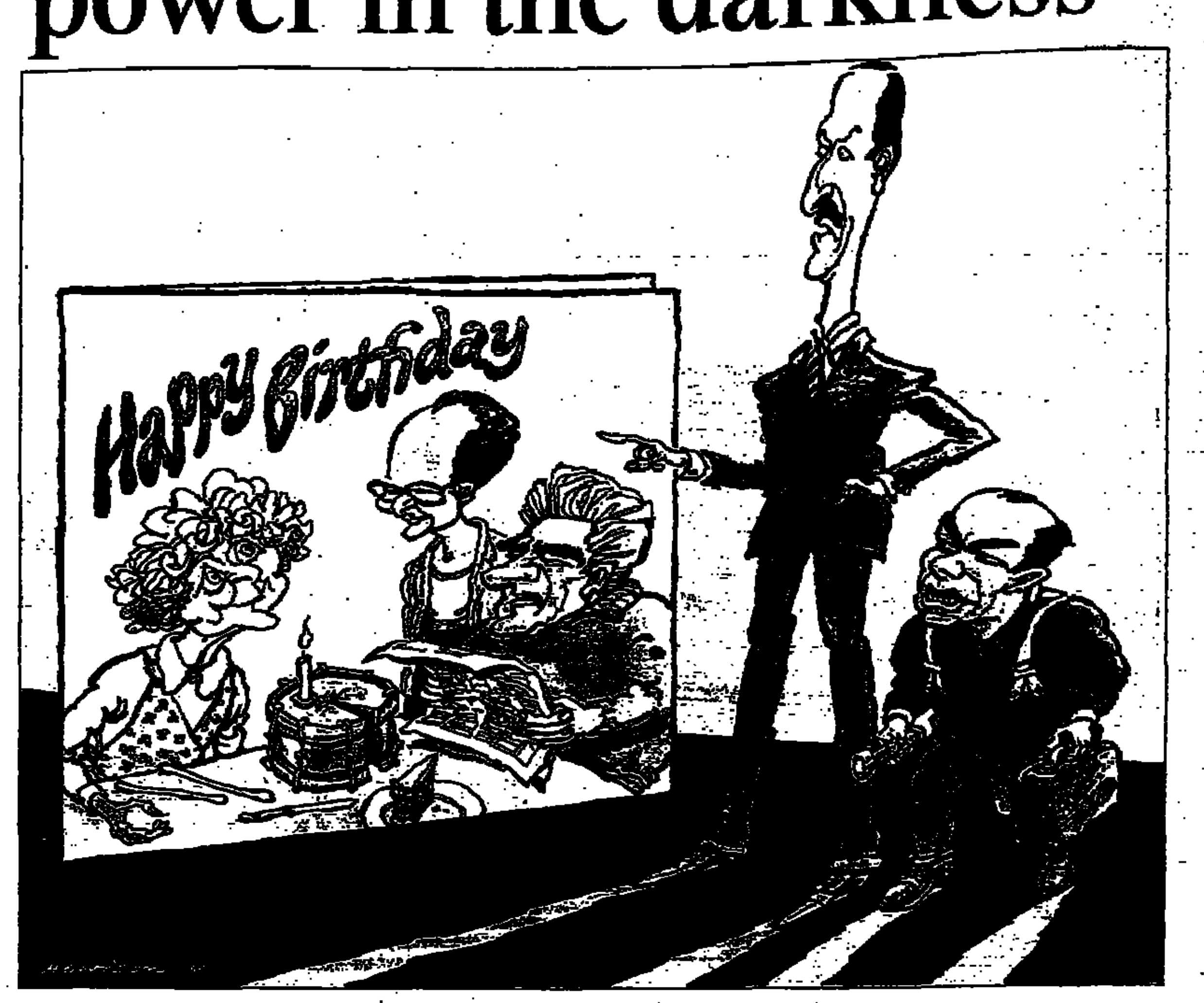
The moments of vocal muzziness are most evident in the Act II grilling of Anton Lesser's Stanley — "Is the number 846 possible or necessary? What about Drogheda?", and the avalanche of some hundred or so other questions. This scene struck less horror than it should.

Enjoying the comedy of the opening scene, being one with the delighted audience around me, the legendary hostility of the 1958 audience was hard to comprehend. Perhaps the casting of Beatrix Lahmann, a specialist in venomous roles, was an error. Dora Bryan, batting huge eyelashes, vaguely chattering, vacantly smiling, gives an enchanting performance of suffocating motherhood, very funny, yet entirely real.

Lesser invests Stanley, reluctant object of her affections, with the peevishness and air of grubby vices that the role seems to require, and Emma Amos gives good value as the upholstered sweater girl, Lulu. The play moves between nervous laughter and grim persecution, but almost at the end touches a note of tragedy when Petey objects to Stanley's likely fate, is threatened with something similar and dare not hold out.

Peacock's voice, glance and posture at this moment express the knowledge of his betrayal. He will read the newspaper as usual, but his spirit is seriously damaged — and Peacock lets us feel the pain of it.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Something wicked this way comes for Meg (Dora Bryan), Stanley (Anton Lesser), Petey (Trevor Peacock), in the shape of Goldberg (Bob Peck) and McCann (Nicholas Woodeson). Drawing by Bill Hewison

Poisoners of gender

The Maids/ No Way Out
Drill Hall, WC1

THE maids are men. What big hands Solange has for a serving girl in a frilly apron. Claire's hairy chest is exposed by a plunging neckline of soft velvet as she stares at us — her imaginary mirror — dolled up in M'lady's ballgown when she should be dusting.

Jean Genet once declared that if he wrote a play with female characters, adolescent males should play them. But Louis Jouvet's staging of *The Maids* in 1947 used actresses. Cross casting in the Actors Touring Company's fine production is both comic and unsettling. We stare back at Richard Sandells (Claire), corsetted but with his upper torso naked like a satyr, heavily made up with arched eyebrows and thin mouth painted red.

This angle makes superb sense, especially as Genet was a prostitute before he was a playwright. The twins' antics confound reality and acting as Claire and Solange, with incestuous passion and social anger, take turns pretending they are their mistress. When transvestism is added, camp posturing is perfect in this world of theatrical artifice. The action can be understood as a sexual ritual of role playing and vicious games of dominance and submission between male lovers.

Even as Sandells and Peter Bailie (Solange), with cropped hair and in maids' uniforms with white piping edging their collars, sometimes seem like little boys in sailor suits dressing up in mummy's clothes, the biceps and protruding tendons bring out the potent violence in the sisters' make-believe.

The double bill, although lengthy, is illuminating. Sartre's *No Way Out*, about a *ménage à trois* of destructive passions, proves a twin for *The Maids* with its themes of class, power, desire beyond heterosexuality, sado-masochism and reality with divine overtones (Genet's M'lady is Our Lady: *No Way Out* is living-room hell). Nick Philippou's direction, stylised without crassness, works in physical echoes. Lez Brotherston's steel walls and padded door, part-designer flat, part-asylum, beautifully serve both scenarios.

Frank Hauser's translation of Sartre is a poor cousin to David Rudkin's sparky yet poetic rendering of Genet. Bailie has weak patches, but Sarah Malin is frantically funny with her spasms of affectation (Our Lady and Estelle, same actress, same dress) and Sandells is riveting.

KATE BASSETT

DANCE: Fiery flamenco in words and music

Sure Spanish steps

Compania Nacional de Danza
Sadler's Wells

DUENDE is the mysterious quality that is supposed to take possession of flamenco musicians and dancers as they perform. A programme note at Sadler's Wells reveals that it also means the irresistible charm other people can possess and, besides, has an original literal meaning of elves or fairies and, by extension, of a naughty child.

I suppose that all these meanings underlie Nacho Duato's ballet *Duende* which opens the second programme of his company's British visit, but the most obvious aspect is the gently comic one of the little folk about their capricious activities.

These unexpected postures, strange, twisted or inverted shapes and unpredictable patterns have a weird, fascinating originality, which goes surprisingly well with a sequence of music by Debussy for flute, harp and strings.

The work that gets the cheers on this programme, however, is *Coming Together*, for the ferocious energy of its frenzied patterns to Frederic Rzewski's score. This consists of urgent, repeated patterns containing phrases from a letter written by a political prisoner.

As a physical feat by dancers, the piece is impressive, but the alienating devices which Duato introduces (a screen pulled on and off, spheres and lamps carried by the dancers, contrasted ways of dressing) are distracting, and too often seem borrowed from William Forsythe's ballets. More important, beneath the surface vigour and ostensible humanistic commitment there seems to be a kind of emptiness.

Duato is on much more personal and satisfying ground in *Arenal*, another of his collaborations with the singer Maria del Mar Bonet. Two moods are contrasted here. Most of the cast perform lively dances to cheerful Mediterranean songs, the singer's voice accompanied by popular string instruments, the movement fresh and individual in a duet, a quartet and a particularly vivacious trio led by Sandra Seijo.

Before, between and after these, however, come short episodes where the voice is unaccompanied and takes on a harsher, darker, almost wailing quality that is reflected in solo dances for Catherine Allard showing another aspect of Mediterranean life: the struggle of everyday work that makes the jolly celebrations possible.

A good ballet performed by an attractive company: they are appearing this week in Glasgow.

JOHN PERCIVAL

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The story of a couple whose baby is stolen impresses **Rachel Cusk** for its combination of lyricism and practicality worthy of a great Victorian novelist

Living with the loss of a child

"In choosing to do good we show we have free will," says a character in Hilary Mantel's novel. "So I will be good... That is all I have to do." Evil, however, has the wind behind it in a universe where everything declines to chaos and waste; and in choosing evil "we collude with the principle of decay, we become mere vehicles of chaos".

A Change of Climate addresses the subject of evil through the not uncommon device of a missing piece at its centre, a region of darkness around which the narrative coils until the truth is squeezed out into the light. In this case the mystery concerns a missing twin, a powerful symbol of an ellipsis or void into which a whole family can fall and disappear.

The family is the worthy, provincial Eldreds, in whose makeshift genteel setting their violent secret sits like an incongruous and bloody jewel. Shortly after their marriage in the fifties, Anna and Ralph Eldred went as missionaries to South Africa, forcing upon themselves an education in hardship and injustice which verged on

A CHANGE OF CLIMATE
By Hilary Mantel
Viking, £15

self-punishment and which would expiate the peculiar guilt of a normally oppressive rural upbringing. First foreignness, then righteous outrage at what they saw made them bold, and before long they were arrested, imprisoned, and finally deported to a remote mission station in Bechuanaland. There they lived a hard and lonely life, which ended abruptly when one of their twin babies was stolen, never to be seen again. They returned to East Anglia to immerse themselves in charity work and other children, and tried to erase what had happened to them.

Mantel's evocation of country life is unsentimental: its intransigence and stultification, its detachment and cruelty, its curious moments of grace. The difficulty of personal change, of self-renewal, and above all of forgetting, in a place where so much is known and therefore assumed to be fixed, gives time a circular appearance: all things seem connected. Thus Anna and Ralph's tragedy of more than 20 years ago can be narrated alongside the events of the present day, and of days even further back, in their own childhoods. The lack of novelty and vigour, of progress and distraction, in the rural community preserves their memories intact, so that the violent colour of their time in Africa appears more real than the vague and shabby pallor of their Norfolk life.

The skewed chronology of personal history is well represented by Mantel's concurrent narratives, and the presentiment of crisis in the Eldreds' present-day life creeps up almost silently. Their children are grown up and want to leave


Mantel: resonant language

home, but appear unable to do so. The missing child has also been growing during all these years, an absence which has become bigger, less and less sustainable as a secret in his parents' minds.

Anna and Ralph's relationship is an unsupervised museum in which riches of the past are kept, and could be broken into at any time. Ralph increasingly becomes a man of "impersonal" kindness, dedicated to strangers but detached from those closest to him, while Anna is losing her faith in God and godly acts. Ralph's sense of his "personal life" is eventually so etiolated that he embarks on an affair with his son's girl friend's mother, and makes no effort to conceal it. Anna's sense of personal loss is still so great that when she finds out about Ralph's misdemeanour her identity surrenders itself entirely to grief.

A Change of Climate is very much concerned with the personal and public meanings of charity: the kind impulses of the heart as opposed to a system of organised altruism; the woman who turns a blind eye to her husband's affair so that he might be happy, as opposed to the workaday ministry of the doctor with whom he is having it; the boy who becomes so obsessed with his younger sister's safety that he ends up tormenting her with his protection.

Ralph's first experience of charity was as an act of great personal sacrifice in the face of threatened evil: the sacrifice was of his future career as a geologist; the threat came from his strict Christian parents, who saw the study of prehistory as anti-theological and who used his sister to blackmail him into giving it up. Unintentionally, they instructed him to care about others and not himself; but they also taught him a kind of cynical detachment from moral authority, which later allowed him to lose himself altogether and become swamped in otherness.

Hilary Mantel writes with the combination of lyricism and practicality so enviable in 19th-century novelists; her relish for character and the representation of social reality draws the comparison still further. Beneath the pragmatic surface of her prose, however, lies a collection of rare images and "words stacked away... like a bride's lifetime supply of linen, or a ducal trove of monogrammed china". Mantel implies a great deal: about the English countryside, where poppies look "as if blood were welling up beneath the landscape" and "the trees looked as if they had been left outside by mistake"; about Africa, where exotic plants give off "the scent of eau-de-cologne slapped on to decaying flesh" and the snake-infested ground "seethed like a living carpet"; and about "grief waiting in the thickets of daily life... ready to bludgeon her again, to drag her down: drag her under like a woman drowned, a woman sewn in a sack".

Her writing lingers with a great deal more resonance and profundity than her compelling storytelling would seem to permit and the novel is as memorable for its still-lives as for the momentum it gathers in approaching its conclusion.

Cowboy and Indians

Erica Wagner

WHAT'S WRONG WITH AMERICA
By Scott Bradfield
Picador, £14.99

THE HISTORY OF LUMINOUS MOTION
By Scott Bradfield
Picador, £5.99 pbk

HANGING BY HER TEETH
By Bonnie Greer
Serpent's Tail, £7.99
paperback original

THE LONE RANGER & TONTO FISTFIGHT IN HEAVEN
By Sherman Alexie
Secker & Warburg, £8.99
paperback original

Emma O'Hallohan has a simple solution to her problem. Her problem is her dreadful husband, Marvin, who for the past 40 years has been calling her a leech-brain, a putrescent blob of donkey-pus and other charming endearments, and who believes that's what's wrong with America is the Russians, the Russians, the Russians, the Coloureds and the Jews. Her solution is to take his twelve-gauge shotgun, blow his brains out and bury him in the back garden.

Freed from him, she prepares to embark on a sybaritic life dominated by daytime television, good brandy and KitKats, only to discover that Marvin won't be dismissed quite so easily. And then there's her overly attentive neighbour, the recently widowed Mr Sullivan; the irritating Mrs Stansfield; and Colonel Robertson of the Church of Immaculate Reason, who just won't go away.

Scott Bradfield's eclectic and funny second novel juggles the absurd and real with consummate ease. Bradfield's twilit California world, first explored in his original collection of short stories, *Greetings From Earth*, is like no other you're likely to come across. You're never troubled here by the slasher-film reservation: "Why doesn't someone call the police?" Indeed, in *What's Wrong With America* the police are right there all the time, in the personable form of Officer Rodrigues, happy to eat Emma's fine sandwiches and never perturbed by the mounds in the backyard.

For Emma, what's wrong with America is Marvin. But there's *much* more to it than that. This just may be the only kind of book that could tackle the terrifying problems of America's gun culture and the empty chalk-lines it leaves without being terminally po-faced. Marvin gives himself a Colt 357 for his 65th birthday, and with a bottle of whisky by his side aims his new toy at the household appliance. "Every so often he would start singing to himself and improvising violent sound effects. 'Happy birthday to me, *pow*. Happy birthday to me, *pow*. Happy birthday dear Marvin. Happy birthday to me, *pow, pow*.'"

Sure, Marvin deserves what he got — but his reappearance proves that just deserts aren't the equation Emma thinks they are. It's never exactly clear if the worm-eaten Marvin is actually there or just in Emma's head, but the borderline between fantasy and reality has always been an uneasy, fluctuating place in Bradfield's work. "It's as if the surface of the world and the things happening underneath the surface never quite match — but then, why should they?"

Bradfield's first novel, *The History of Luminous Motion*, has been released in paperback to coincide with the publication of his second, and, unsurprisingly, this is a debut well worth the six quid. The tone of this book is utterly different from its successor: there is a hushed, dreamlike quality to the writing that echoes the fragile interior world of Phillip, the eight-year-old narrator. Phillip travels the country with his erratic and beautiful mother, never going to school, but voraciously reading anything he can get his hands on. He is precociously, ferociously intelligent; but without any social framework he builds his own world where his solutions to his problems are as violent — and more terrible — as Emma's.

Phillip's struggle to make the world around him a place in which he can happily live is both poetic and psychotic, the sorrow and the horror illuminated by Bradfield's unflinching light. Here is "more America than you ever thought possible". Read it, and weep.

Bonnie Greer's first novel, *Hanging By Her Teeth*, takes as its central symbol Degas's painting of a mulatto circus performer, *Lala au Cirque Fernando, Paris* — an acrobat "so strong she could hang by her teeth". This is the story of two black Americans: Elvira, born on the same day as the Queen, and her daughter, Lorraine, born on the same day as Prince Charles. It is the story of Lorraine's search for her long-absent father, Oswald Williams, vanished into Europe. Until Lorraine finds her father, she will never see her own face in a mirror.

Much of the writing is strong, but the novel's diffuse structure causes problems. Even if Lorraine isn't sure where she's going, Greer, we feel, should still be in control. Greer is clearly a writer of imagination; her next novel may show that she's learned to ride that difficult horse.

It takes a strong voice to take the matter of defeat and turn it into victory. Sherman Alexie's book — not quite a novel, but 22 linked short stories — does just that. Within its covers is the life of the Spokane Indians (no PC solecism, that: it is what they call themselves), on their reservation in the state of Washington. It is a life, to all outward appearances, of poverty and violence, and one in which the slide into alcoholism and unemployment seem terrifyingly inevitable. "It's hard to be optimistic on the reservation. When a glass sits on a table here, people don't wonder if it's half filled or half empty. They just hope it's good beer."

The writing in these stories carries echoes of Raymond Carver, as much American short fiction does, even down to the titles ("This is What it Means to Say Phoenix, Arizona") and in some ways the territory of these stories is not so different from Carver's bleak and drink-riven world. But Alexie's characters are driven by an inner hope that Carver's stories lack.

In "The Only Traffic Signal on the Reservation Doesn't Flash Red Anymore", Victor watches Julius Windmaker, 15 years old and a local basketball hero, play ball like "a goddam medicine man". The basketball players are the new warriors, and it doesn't matter that most of them — Victor included — give up or fall prey to drink before they ever realise their true potential. "A reservation hero is a hero forever. In fact, their status grows over the years as the stories are told and retold."

And that's just it: these are stories about stories. They have a life that lies behind them, in the telling alone. These stories slip back and forth between the old life of ancestors, of owl-dancing and storytelling, and the new life of A.A., 7-11s and the Washington Redskins. Sparks fly when the two meet and their light reveals a world that has been too little seen and too long ignored in American fiction. The Indian perspective, the oldest vision of the North American continent, is a very new thing to most of us.



May 1942: "East coast gas rationing was just one minute old: Elizabeth Berry made her first purchase from Jack Felderman's gas station." From *Pump and Circumstance: Glory Days of the Gas Station*, by John Margolies (Bulfinch, £25)

Microcosm of a master

Amanda Holden

THE BARTOK COMPANION
Edited by Malcolm Gillies
Faber, £35

BÉLA BARTÓK, along with Debussy, Schoenberg and Stravinsky, was one of the great innovative 20th-century composers. He is also perhaps the one of these four who has been least well appreciated, despite several mainstream concertos, the opera *Bluebeard's Castle* and *Mikrokosmos*, studied by every embryo pianist.

Something of a renaissance man, Bartók successfully combined simultaneous careers as international concert pianist, ethnomusicologist, pedagogue and composer, and combined incidental knowledge of no fewer than 14 languages with a wide-ranging interest in science.

Bartók's interest in ethnic music took off in 1903 (by coincidence the year in which Vaughan Williams began collecting British folksongs), and over the next 12 years he documented more than 10,000 folksongs from all over eastern Europe across Turkey and south into North Africa, using primitive phonography (and photography) equipment. His contribution to ethno-musicology is as important as the extent to which it informed his own music — the development of which is reflected in his six string quartets composed between 1908 and 1939.

All this and much, much more can be found in *The Bartók Companion*, a fat goldmine of erudite, yet eminently readable, essays on this great genius and his music, which will illuminate everyone from the *aficionado* to the *ingénue*, and make the music, not that it needs it, spring forth with renewed energy.


Bartók: renaissance man

The editor and the 14 other contributors together are a formidable panel of Bartók experts; personal reminiscences by his son are followed by chapters on Bartók's compositional methods, the ethnomusicologist, the performer, the teacher, his relationship with his publishers, before detailed analytical essays on separate areas of his compositions.

Wound up by entirely useful and sensible chronologies and indexes, a more authoritative volume on any composer is hard to imagine.

A national nightmare

TRUE CRIME

The Sleep of Reason, by David James Smith *(Century £15.99)*, is the first serious book on the Bulger case. It does not say much that is new or profound, but the very act of assembling coherently what, up to now, has been fed to the public episodically, is immensely valuable.

What emerges, even more depressingly than at the trial and its immediate high-publicity aftermath, is how unexceptional the killers were. There are tens of thousands of children with family and social backgrounds and levels of emotional deprivation similar to those of Bobby Thompson and Jon Venables. But little thieves and truants, even those from dysfunctional families (and neither Jon's parents nor Bobby's mother were hopelessly incapable of coping) do not often turn into cold killers.

Smith's book concentrates, rightly, on the interviews between the police and the two boys, as the full enormity of the crime gradually unfolds. The police's own anguish as they come to the inevitable, awful realisation that James's killers are these two tiny boys is sympathetically portrayed. The police involved in the case are victims as well, just as much as the score of people who met James and his killers, suspected something was amiss, but did nothing.

The book reveals details of James's appalling experiences before dying which were either not disclosed to the jury or not reported because they would cause too much distress. They add to the horror, but they do nothing to enable us to understand more.

The Sleep of Reason does not try to delve too deeply into these deep matters of the mind; nor does it attempt any superficial sociological explanations. The facts speak for themselves; the profound analyses will no doubt follow in other books.

What Smith does, very skilfully, is to present, without too much intrusive comment, the chronology of the crime, its detection and its forensic consequences. He conveys a convincing sense of place — the geography of James's last journey becomes surprisingly evocative, even moving.

The Bulger killing is seared indelibly into the national psyche. After the murder, it was hoped that the trial would provide some answers and a much-needed catharsis. It did not, and perhaps nothing will.

Do not, therefore, expect great illumination from *The Sleep of Reason*; but it serves well as an accomplished, reliable and informative guide to the essentials of a national nightmare.

Murderous Innocents, by Frank Jones *(Headline £19.99)*, taking advantage of the Bulger bandwagon, is a disappointing collection of 12 true stories of children who kill; true, that is, except for the liberties taken with conversations and feelings. The author is good on Mary Bell and on the poisoner Graham Young, but most of the stories are of North American child killers, not all of them of gripping interest.

Frankie Fraser was at the epicentre of London gangsterism for half a century. In the Forties he became minder to Billy Hill, "Boss of the Underworld", and slashed the face of rival mobster Jack Spot; he was enforcer for the Richardson gang and involved with the Krays; he was one of the first asked to be on the Great Train Robbery, though not part of the final team; in prison he led the Parkhurst riots of 1969. Declared insane more than once, he has spent some 40 of his now 70 years incarcerated in one of Her Majesty's penal or mental institutions. He has no regrets. In **Mad Frank** *(Little Brown £15.99)* Fraser tells, to James Morton, his chillingly unrepentant story of lifelong violence. He didn't do drugs, or mug little old ladies, or commit sexual offences; his victims were (and this is put forward with professional pride) other members of the underworld, prison governors, screws, and anyone guilty of lapses of manners, such as taking a liberty or being out of order.

There is a mesmeric quality to the sheer accumulation of infamous names dropped by Fraser, coupled, often, with the injuries they sustained after coming to his attention. Morton doesn't intrude, except in providing valuable footnote explanations of characters and events; he has, I'm sure, cleaned up some of the grammar and language, but the voice is clearly Fraser's own.

Women who Love Men who Kill *(Virgin True Crime £4.99)* is a better than average compilation. Scarlett McGwire has interviewed a dozen women whose spouses, lovers or close relatives are convicted killers. Some were around at the time of the murders, others fell in love with the killers after the crime. A few followed the Tammy Wynette advice to stand by their man; some went in the opposite direction, to the extent of giving evidence in court against them. All have been emotionally destroyed.

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United against the bullies

Britain's first anti-bullying unit opens this week. Iola Smith reports on how it will work

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Bullying ranges from gestures and exclusion from a group to taunts and physical violence in the playground, and can end in tragedy

Bullying is rife in British schools, ensnaring more than one and a half million pupils, either as victims or perpetrators. Few children finish their 15,000 hours of compulsory schooling without being on the receiving end of classroom taunts or worse. For a handful of pupils each year, the pain becomes too much and they commit suicide.

Reducing such deaths and distress by raising schools' awareness is the aim of Britain's first Countering Bullying Unit, which opens this week at Cardiff Institute of Higher Education. For Delwyn Tattum, the director, and his wife Eva, a primary teacher, the unit is the culmination of an eight-year crusade. Mr Tattum believes pupils have the right to be educated free of humiliation, intimidation and abuse. "Ensuring that", he adds, "is the responsibility of all adults."

The emphasis on "all adults" lies at the heart of his campaign. Everyone in a school — from head teachers to dinner ladies — must be trained to help victims. The unit plans conferences, workshops and in-service training to persuade adults that intervention is essential. For example, a gory initiation rite among a gang of eight-year-olds in Leicester involved pupils mutilating themselves with a pencil-sharpener blade. The practice was stopped by a teacher's intervention.

Boarding schools require additional safeguards, the Tattums believe, because bullying is the experience that most new pupils fear. The couple support the recommendation of an enquiry after a suicide at an Oxfordshire school that a special welfare and anti-bullying brief should be written into the contracts of matrons. In state schools, dinner ladies, they contend, should have a similar role. Most bullying takes place during the lunch-hour, when pupils are left to their own devices.

Encouraging dinner ladies to reacquaint pupils with traditional non-aggressive games such as hopscotch or skipping can help, some schools believe. Mr Tattum says that if all else fails, a bully should be detained in a playground "sin bin", where staff should try to change the aggressor's behaviour. He adds: "Too often in the past, both parents and teachers have sought to change a victim's behaviour, encouraging him to fight back or move to another school. But the victim is not the problem. The bully is. Changing his behaviour is essential, for the well-being of the community as well as the school's. Although only one in 20 normal seven-year-old boys turns to crime, one in four seven-year-old bullies does so."

The curriculum, through role play in drama and team work in physical education, can reinforce the anti-bullying message. Pupils recognise that they can be particularly vulnerable during the transition from primary to secondary school. To reduce this problem, GCSE pupils at St John Wall Comprehensive in Birmingham reassured top juniors at local primary schools that they would be safe. As part of their English course, they wrote to the children, held discussions with them and video-filmed the entire project as part of their GCSE oral work.

Young children find leaving home for the first time traumatic. They go to school from a variety of backgrounds, and those from quieter, gentle families cannot deal with their more demanding, aggressive classmates. Advising parents in such circumstances and encouraging them to persuade their children to confide in a teacher will be one of Mrs Tattum's priorities. She will also assist governors, who have overall responsibility for school discipline, and alert doctors and school nurses, because they may be the first to spot the signs of physical abuse.

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Bullying takes many forms, and the Tattums have identified five of them: gestures, which can be made behind a teacher's back in the classroom; exclusion from a group; extortion rackets; verbal abuse; and physical attacks. Among the victims of the latter is a Mid Glamorgan boy of 12 who was strapped to coat pegs and left hanging upside-down. Another is a Devonshire girl who was sexually assaulted by a boy at school.

According to Mr Tattum, "many people don't realise that racial and sexual harassment are part of bullying. Such practices deny pupils the right to equal opportunities. And in some cases, the only solution is the law."

In June, the first case of a former pupil suing a local education authority for what she will claim is post-traumatic stress suffered as a result of alleged bullying will be heard in Nottingham. Rebecca Walker, who has cerebral palsy, was said to have been victimised by members of a school band. The case is expected to last a week, and Delwyn Tattum will appear as an expert witness.

Bullying is not a purely British phenomenon. One of the unit's objectives will be to disseminate good ideas from overseas, and this summer the Tattums visit Australia and New Zealand. There, emphasis is placed on shopkeepers and members of the local community monitoring pupils' behaviour on the streets, while peer groups are taught to resist bullying in the schools. In Northern Ireland, the couple are advising 250 school principals on how to reduce aggression on their premises.

"Schools in Northern Ireland are regarded as havens of peace for children," Mr Tattum says. "Head teachers want to create an alternative climate to the violence reflected in society outside the gates. Already, pupils have made an anti-bullying video."

The film will become part of the unit's resources centre, which will contain books, magazines, tapes and programmes that can be used free by of charge parents or teachers.

The new inspectorate is taking the issue seriously, and in Wales the Welsh Office will establish an anti-bullying working group in May.

The Tattums are determined that neither these initiatives nor the Countering Bullying Unit will become just talking shops. They have proved over the past two years that intervention can reduce abuse. Their holistic approach has been introduced in more than 100 schools throughout Britain. Feedback from these schools indicates that incidents of bullying have already been cut by half.

Novel way to literacy

VIEWPOINT



SUSAN ELKIN

By the time I was seven, I was a compulsive reader. What drove my? Why, Enid Blyton, of course, closely followed by a later voracious onslaught on the *Chalet School* and Sue Barton. For me, they were the route to fully consolidated literacy, and I borrowed them from Lewisham library. Sometimes I was too greedy to take them home and gobbled them up in the park.

Ian Sproat, a heritage minister, recently asked an alarming question: "Is there still something sufficiently distinctive about reading *as a recreation* to justify its being made publicly available without charge?" This reduces reading to a hobby: an alternative to football, majorettes or television. Recreational it might be, Mr Sproat, but only if you can do it. For the millions, many of them children, who cannot do it, or, at least, not very well, reading is a vital educational activity. And it depends entirely on the availability of books.

Until last summer, I taught mainstream children in "non-selective high", alias secondary modern, schools and had done so for almost a quarter-century. In my local education authority, such schools are attended by three-quarters of the ability range, huge numbers of 14 and 15-year-old pupils who have reading difficulties. Few read with the fluency I had at seven.

At one end of the spectrum are the "remedial", who cannot sound out three and four-letter words. At the other are thousands who could not read, either silently or aloud with comprehension, a sentence such as Mr Sproat's question.

Why? I attribute it to the declining status of reading as a positively beneficial educational activity in secondary schools. I am enraged by those who sneeringly pontificate about "novels". Douglas Mason, parliamentary research assistant and spokesman for the Adam Smith Institute, recently told a meeting of the Royal Society of Literature that most of the borrowings from public libraries are fiction ... *novels*, he added darkly, rather than Shakespeare or Dickens.

But for people who do not read as well as Mr Sproat, Mr Mason or I do, fiction is a tried and tested route to literacy. Consider Louise. When I taught her English in a CSE bottom stream she could barely decipher two consecutive words. Three years after leaving school, she came back to see me, clutching a fat book by Jackie Collins. "I wanted to tell you", she said proudly, "I can read. I get these big books from the library and I read them on the bus to work." Louise had achieved literacy courtesy of Jackie Collins and the library.

All books have educational potential. Reading almost anything boosts vocabulary and gives experience of a range of grammatical structures so the reader absorbs a more fluid and expressive way of using language. Novels, even at their most "trivial", are invaluable sources of general knowledge. Every pupil should be encouraged or allowed to read every day. Part of the school day should be set aside for it, right up to the age of 16 and beyond.

Given the parlous state of many school libraries, teachers depend increasingly on the public library service to provide books for their pupils. We desperately need them, yet the indispensable educational function of libraries has been degraded by the incursion of the here-and-now "income-generating" culture.

It is time public libraries returned to their original purpose by throwing out the video and audio cassettes, gift wrappings, art exhibitions *et al*. They should be focusing totally on making the *written* word accessible to the most people.

Enid Blyton — or Jackie Collins — are just developmental staging posts. For the record, I had read both *David Copperfield* and *Jane Eyre* before I left primary school. If you deny a traveller access to staging posts, there is a risk he will not reach his destination.

Engineers should look beyond the MBA

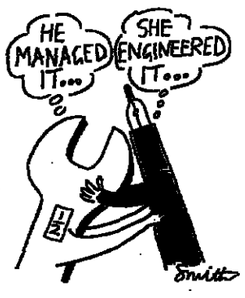
A new breed of business courses for industry is undervalued

A few years ago hardly a week went by without reports in *The Times* championing the future of engineers and reporting on business schools. The articles revealed the great divide between engineering and management because rarely were the two put together.

Rattled by repeated attacks, the business schools defended the real-life value of MBAs, although rarely was this put in terms of any benefits for engineering. But, despite exhortations to engineers to develop their business acumen, there was a strong movement within engineering degree courses to prevent management studies eroding the core of the discipline.

Three years on, *The Times* MBA supplement of January 31 showed that business schools were now meeting the demands of employers. Little, however, was revealed about how far the redesigned MBAs were familiar with the technologies that determine the ultimate competitiveness of businesses.

It is necessary to look further, to newer departments unfettered by professional and academic traditions that exist even in business schools. They can provide MBA-style education combined with a deep understanding of the relationship between management and engineering.



Such courses are well established in those departments that deal with the construction and engineering industries. The courses' styles of delivery match those available in business schools, as does much of the content. The special ingredient, however, is the involvement of expert academics and practitioners who are at the leading edge of developments in engineering, design, technology and management in a way that is impossible in a business school.

The Department of Construction Management and Engineering at Reading University has one such course, established in 1982 as the first modular part-time masters course in project management in the UK.

It caters for senior managers from construction and engineering related industries and partners in professional practices, as well as their clients. Course members, who come from as far afield as San Francisco, Sydney and Hong Kong, take part in one-week modules then return home to run their businesses.

The department also offers a conventional full-time masters course in construction management, a modular course in construction economics and management and undergraduate courses.

Reading University is not alone in having a department that provides valuable ways of dealing with the management of engineering. However, because these departments quietly serve the needs of industry, their contribution to the management revolution in the UK is under-appreciated, and ignored by those surveys which inform industry of management education.

The pragmatist might suggest that they should change their names and repackage their MSes as MBAs. But the glamour of business schools is tarnished by criticisms of their value in real life. The new breed of "applied business schools" understands the value of being close to the customer, of sticking to the knitting, and of acting to meet industry's needs.

PETER LANSLEY

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HAGLEY SCHOOL MEMORIAL PROM



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A special Schools Prom in memory of the 12 children and their teacher who died in the M40 minibus crash last November is being held on April 22. *The Times* is among the sponsors of the event at the Royal Albert Hall in London to raise money for Hagley School, Hereford and Worcester. The school wants to build a new music centre and sports hall as a lasting tribute to the victims.

Pupils from Hagley will attend the concert in the presence of Prince Edward. Among the stars performing will be Peter Skellern, John Dankworth and Antony Hopkins. *Times* readers can buy £20 seats in the stalls for £15. Phone the box office, quoting the offer, on 071-589 8212.

ROBIN MAYES



Reporter Tony Dawe joins son James, ten, and Eliza Grylls, seven, to test the quality and value at a special parents-too school lunch event

Let's do school lunch some time

An education authority promotes the quality of its meals

Parent power has become the latest weapon used by education authorities in the increasingly difficult battle to lure children back to school lunches.

After Derbyshire started giving simple food topical names like "chicken Gazza" and Surrey handed out lottery cards with lunches, Islington council in north London invited parents to join their children for school meals to see for themselves that they have improved and are "excellent value for money".

I took up the offer, sitting down with 50 other parents at tiny dining tables in Hanover primary school. It was, almost, a revelation. The soggy overcooked cabbage, lumpy custard and semolina that I remembered from prep and grammar school days were nowhere to be seen. Salads abounded, tasty and well-dressed, yoghurt and fresh fruit was on offer and even if the main courses of pizza or breaded turkey were disappointing, the meal, at £1.45 for parents and 90p for children, was good value.

James, my ten-year-old son, who was persuaded by the presence of a photographer and a small bribe to abandon his normal packed lunch, even ate all of his and declared it "good". He still prefers the packed lunch, however, because it can be eaten more quickly and gives him more play time. Other parents had more success in converting their children.

That was the promotion's purpose. Two-thirds of primary children eat school meals, but numbers at Hanover and some other schools had dropped. The borough catering department recognised that the more lunches were eaten, the more economic the service would be.

Cynthia Thumwood, Hanover's head, said: "There is a lobby which would do away with school meals, but for a significant number of children here, school lunch will be the only meal of the day. You can find avocados and exotic fruit in some packed lunch boxes and you know the children are well looked after. But other children are left to survive on crisps and chocolate bars."

Like many heads, Miss Thumwood has monitored with despair the decline in school lunches. Since the 1980 Education Act abandoned minimum nutritional standards for school meals and removed the duty on councils to provide them, the proportion of children eating them has fallen from 64 to 42 per cent. Surveys have also found that one in nine children misses breakfast and one in six has no cooked meal in the evening. Instead, they "graze" an increasing amount of junk food high in fat, sugar and salt.

The attraction of "eating on the hoof" and the move away from families dining together have contributed to the drop in the number of children taking school meals. Leighton Crook, Islington's principal catering officer, also blames "peer pressure". "If a couple of class 'leaders' start bringing packed lunches, others inevitably follow," he said. The real reason, of course, for the decline in numbers is financial. A tightening of budgets and the introduction of competitive tendering for school services have reduced the amount of money available for lunches.

Mr Crook's department won the Islington contract last year but his budget has been steadily cut. The result was less choice for school children: only one salad and one hot vegetable supplemented main courses.

Elaine Godleman started sending her son, James, to school with packed lunches after he was told he could not have both potatoes and bread with his meal. Tighter cost controls have now allowed Mr Crook to reinstate the extra bread, salad and vegetable, but after meeting staffing and other costs he is still left with only 39.5p a child for food.

Miss Thumwood and the parents taking part in the Hanover promotion last week agreed that they could not provide such good food at that tiny price. The mothers particularly enjoyed the salads and the children loved the chocolate-sponge pudding, especially Eliza Grylls who was allowed a second helping while the photographer finished work.

Paula Oyekobi, who has a son and daughter at the school, said: "The food was excellent, nutritious and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I had been thinking of taking my daughter off school lunches because she always seemed to be given chips, but now I have tasted the food myself she will stay with them."

My verdict? The turkey and sauté potatoes were not crisp enough and the meal was only slightly better value than a pub but much better than local restaurants. Looking at next term's menus, I noticed, too, that chips, custard — even semolina — are making an unwelcome return.

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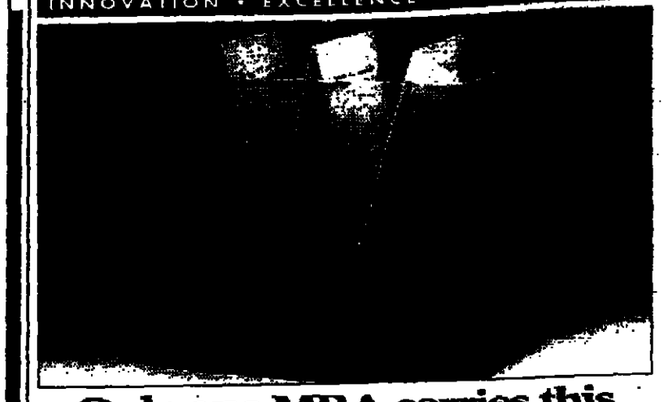
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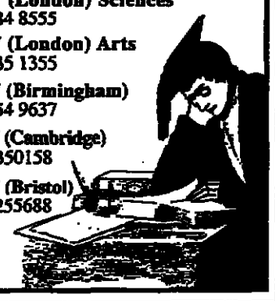
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1,726.40	Allied Irish	262 †	-2	...	4.8	∞
3,252.40	Ans New Z	248½	+2½	...	3.7	19.5
10,176.70	Bankamerica	2862½	+87½	...	...	...
1,230.30	Bk of Ireland	261	+1	...	4.8	19.2
35.20	Bk Leumi UK	430 †	...	20.0	5.8	∞
2,281.40	Bank Scotland	196	+7	4.6	3.0	26.6
8,964.50	Barclays	552 †	+41½	...	3.4	28.2
26.90	Carlisle	37½	...	...	...	...
137.10	Cater Allen	569	-1	28.0	6.2	...
173.80	Cattles	157	+2	...	3.6	30.9
4,116.00	Chase Manh	2240½	+14½	...	...	...
10,425.90	Citicorp	2750	+212½	...	...	...
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6,668.00	HSBC	787 †	-29½	23.5	3.7	∞
14,118.20	HSBC HK	804 †	-34½	23.5	3.7	∞
644.50	Hambros	366	-3	14.3	4.9	16.9
22.30	Joseph (L)	425	-8	16.7	4.9	...
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69.60	Lon Scot Bk	115	+4	3.4	3.7	19.4
7,422.70	Nat Aust Bk	564½	+9½	...	4.2	13.7
8,060.70	Nat West	485 †	+18	...	4.8	13.3
649.40	Provident	485 †	-8	16.0	4.1	∞
27.10	Rea Bros	69	+5	0.7	1.4	∞
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1,180.70	Schroders	1169	+116	16.5	1.8	∞
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3,562.60	TSB	233 †	+4	...	4.1	15.9
32.20	Union	170 †	...	10.0	2.2	∞
1,667.70	Warburg SG	765	-28	...	3.2	11.2
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31.00	Wintrust	365 †	...	...	3.3	32.6

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4,584.00	Bass	524	+8	...	4.7	14.0
335.30	Boddington	278 †	-½	...	3.6	14.1
225.20	Bulmer (HP)	429	-22	...	3.0	17.2
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31.20	Eldridge P 'A'▲	160	...	...	2.8	22.3
1,909.80	Fosters Brewing	59½	+3	...	4.9	69.7
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9,755.20	Grand Met	469 †	-6	...	3.5	20.4
918.70	Greenalls Grp	440	+7½	...	3.5	14.9
213.60	Greene King	505	-3	...	3.1	14.1
9,758.20	Guinness	485	-16	...	3.4	∞
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3.71	Henvitree▲	160	...	...	2.8	14.5
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51.20	Allen▲	192	...	...	3.3	43.5
309.40	Amec	153	-1	3.0	2.5	28.3
127.20	Ashtead▲	424 †	...	...	1.4	28.3
361.90	Attwoods	128	-20	...	5.0	...
1,667.30	BPB Ind	335	+6	...	2.8	40.1
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102.50	Gleeson (MJ)	1015	-3	...	1.6	17.6
351.20	Hewden-Stuart	157½	-1½	...	2.2	32.9
4.74	Hewetson	51 †	...	...	3.1	37.7
403.00	Heywd Wlm	431	+1	...	4.0	28.1
59.10	Higgs & Hill	134	+4	2.5	2.3	...
12.10	How Gp	29	...	...	4.8	...
6.40	Howard Hldgs	25	-1	0.5	2.5	...
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534.80	Marley	187	-7	...	2.8	23.3
167.80	Marshalls	138 †	...	...	3.6	...
62.30	Maunders (J)	251	...	...	2.6	24.2
171.80	McAlpine (A)	304 †	-2	...	2.7	40.0
51.20	McCarthy & S	73	+1	...	0.9	...
677.20	Meyer Int	540	+24	...	2.3	54.1
175.70	Mowlem (J)	161	-11	4.0	3.1	...
40.50	NSM	236	+9	...	...	...
6.76	Needler ▲	36	-5	...	5.0	16.8
206.60	Newman Tnks	171	+2	...	4.9	22.8
308.30	Persimmon	313	-24	...	3.6	∞
5.91	Phoenix Timber	17	...	...	...	...
18.70	Pochins	1800	...	29.0	2.0	25.6
141.10	Prowting	182	...	3.4	2.3	...
1,930.60	RMC Gp	980	+21	...	2.6	36.8
178.60	Raine Ind	95 †	+1	...	2.6	20.6
7.92	Ramus▲	33	...	...	...	...
2,961.80	Redland	574	+24	25.0	5.4	33.4
12.90	Roskel	86	+1	4.3	6.2	12.7
949.30	Rugby Group	324	...	6.7	2.6	∞
8.77	Scfld-Rvea	56	...	...	0.6	...
34.30	Sharpe & Fisher	166	+1	...	3.0	28.9
205.10	Sheffield Insl	272 †	-13½	5.4	2.5	...
26.60	Sheriff Hldgs▲	55	...	...	1.9	24.1
3.42	Shorco▲	110	...	3.2	5.9	25.0
22.70	Smart (J)	225	+3	...	4.7	17.0
14.30	Stamin	4½	...	...	...	...
1,880.40	Tarmac	201½	+9½	5.5	3.4	...
73.90	Tay Homes	252	-2	...	2.9	31.2
664.80	Taylor Woodrw	159	-4	1.0	0.8	...
249.40	Tilbury Dougls	738	...	33.0	5.6	24.0
5.31	Torex Hire▲	52 †	...	...	1.4	...
361.80	Travis Perkins	354	+8	8.0	2.9	∞
30.80	Trencherwood	25	+1	...	...	...
14.30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.3
3.05	Tudor▲	28	+5	0.2	1.1	...
45.50	Vibroplant	99	-2½	2.5	3.2	35.6
35.70	Ward Hldgs	68	+1	...	...	...
1.12	Waterhouse	45	+2	...	...	...
104.60	Watts Blake	503	+5	...	3.0	21.7
137.70	Westbury	207	-2	5.0	3.0	32.3
26.80	Wiggins	6	+½	...	...	...
498.10	Wilson Bowdn	535	-11	...	2.1	37.7
401.70	Wilson (C)	212	-10	3.9	2.3	36.7
753.70	Wimpey G	209	-11	...	3.2	59.1
3.70	YRM	28	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
976.10	ADT	703	-2	...	...	∞
18.40	Adam & Harvey	429	-1	13.0	3.8	7.9
6.30	Air London▲	71	+4	3.5	6.2	12.7
3.99	African Lakes	61	...	2.0	4.1	...
139.30	Auto Sec	119	-1	...	6.4	21.3
1,214.50	BET Ord	130	+1½	...	2.2	8.2
30.10	BNB Res	142	...	4.9	4.3	...
64.40	BPP	249	...	8.3	4.3	13.5
49.40	BSM	179	-1	...	4.0	∞
35.70	Barbour Index	215 †	-1	8.1	4.7	14.7
7.76	Black & Edgn▲	1½	+½	...	...	...
13.80	Boustead	21	...	0.7	4.2	...
45.10	Brit Data Mgt	198 †	-½	4.9	3.1	14.4
4.94	Broadcastic▲	31	+3	1.0	4.1	∞
8.31	Brooks Service	69	...	...	0.9	...
63.70	CRT Gp	119 †	...	...	3.0	21.5
101.40	Capita Group	214	-1	2.5	1.5	∞
50.40	Caskes Plc	53½	-½	...	2.1	20.6
22.60	Chiltern Capital	24½	+1½	...	...	...
19.00	Christie	81	...	...	...	...
1,053.70	Chubb Sec	377	-7	...	1.7	23.4
45.70	Comac	125	-1	...	1.5	32.3
18.30	Corp Services	50	-3	0.2	0.6	∞
23.80	Coutts Cnslng	95	+1	...	...	...
22.40	Dart	146	-3	3.3	2.8	19.8
264.70	Davis Service	299	-1	...	3.0	∞
25.80	EW Fact▲	142	...	4.4	3.9	16.2
29.00	Gardiner	27 †	-½	...	3.4	12.1
1,195.50	Hays	296	-7	...	2.4	22.7
192.40	Hogg Robinsn	278	-1	...	3.0	20.3
14.50	Holmes Protecsn	33	...	...	...	2.0
9,286.00	Hutch Whamp	257½	-20½	...	1.9	21.2
624.50	ISS B DKr	2403½	-143½	...	0.8	∞
2,919.30	Inchcape	555	+16	...	3.2	18.1
200.50	Johnson Clean	1018	+8	22.0	3.4	∞
62.20	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
43.50	Mde Gp	375 †	+6	4.0	1.3	29.9
955.80	Manpower	1284½	-37½	...	...	...
45.40	Michael Page	76	...	1.8	3.0	32.3
5.26	Penna▲	109	...	8.0	9.2	4.1
2.26	Prime People▲	4½	...	...	...	...
42.50	Proudfoot	66	...	...	27.6	3.8
43.00	RCO	402 †	...	15.2	4.7	13.5
8.58	REA	106	...	2.0	2.4	...
63.00	Reed Executive	123	-1	...	...	...
28.40	Reliance Sec▲	126	-1	4.5	4.5	33.0
2,349.80	Rentokil	241	-12	2.8	1.5	∞
19.60	Rolfe & Nolan	323	-5	...	2.9	22.2
761.40	Salvesen (C)	363	-4	...	3.8	17.5
6.33	Scott Pickford▲	54	...	0.8	1.9	17.2
31.20	Select Appo▲	14½	+1	...	...	...
169.70	Serco Gp	1438 †	-35½	17.0	1.5	∞
4.94	Sherwd Cmp▲	81	-3	...	10.8	2.4
86.20	Skrchley	114	...	...	3.3	26.1
79.40	Warner Howrd	335	...	8.6	2.5	17.5
7.09	Welpac	25	-1	...	...	...
43.40	Wills Gp	29 †	-½	...	1.8	20.3

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
726.40	Allied Colloids	276	+7	...	2.0	25.4
686.80	Amersham	1090	+48	...	1.6	31.4
32.20	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
7,222.40	BASF DM	£129½	+59½	...	3.6	...
420.70	BTP	313	-14	...	3.8	25.1
9,828.90	Bayer DM50	£146½	+56½	...	3.0	...
72.10	Blagden	155	-8	6.5	5.2	16.7
74.20	Brent Chems	110	+5½	...	4.0	...
164.20	Br Bio-Tech	460	+22	...	...	...
6.01	Caird Gp	10½	+½	...	...	30.2
49.00	Canning (W)	173	+7	7.2	5.3	19.8
2,251.20	Courtaulds	560	+6	...	3.2	14.0
497.40	Croda	378	-5	...	2.6	21.7
13.70	Doeflex	129	+1	4.6	4.5	9.9
206.30	Ellis & Everard	248 †	...	...	3.7	20.8
12.30	Euro Colour	41	+2	0.8	2.7	19.6
101.30	Halstead (J)	340	+4	...	2.5	16.8
359.40	Hickson	207	+5	...	4.8	19.2
7,045.90	Hoechst	£129½	+375	...	2.8	...
178.60	Holliday Chem	209 †	-2½	4.0	2.4	∞
5,682.10	ICI	787 †	+26	...	4.4	59.1
1,527.70	Laporte	799	...	...	3.3	19.7
137.40	Leigh	215	-2	...	4.6	18.9
15.90	MTM	61½	-1½	...	...	...
4,669.30	Norsk Hydro	2271½	+65½	...	1.4	∞
143.00	Paterson Zoch	585	-2	...	2.7	15.3
127.40	-do- 'A'	554	...	...	2.9	14.5
115.40	Plysu	243	...	...	3.6	20.7
51.30	Porvair	333 †	+25	4.2	1.6	∞
116.50	Wardle Storeys	468	-7	...	4.6	21.6
48.70	Wstmhme K	658	+8	17.0	3.2	22.5
204.70	Yorks Chem	448 †	+14	...	2.3	21.2
280.30	Yule Catto	282	-10	...	2.7	17.6
7,125.30	Zeneca	734 †	+26	...	4.6	16.6

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37.30	Alexon	65	-5	...	5.8	...
244.30	Allders	237	+1	...	3.2	17.7
1,055.80	Argos Plc	355	+3	...	2.5	30.3
12.70	Ashley Group	9	...	...	2.6	...
207.90	Ashley (Laura)	88½	+1½	0.1	0.1	...
264.10	Asprey	331	-6	5.2	2.0	21.3
36.80	Austin Reed	185	...	...	1.7	...
72.20	Beattie (J) 'A'	155	-5	...	4.9	15.6
57.80	Bentalls	138	-5	1.9	1.7	...
136.30	Betterware	133	-4	...	2.0	15.9
13.00	Blacks Leis	41	+2	2.2	6.9	...
418.70	Body Shop	222	-3	...	1.0	28.6
20.80	Brown & Jacksn	3½	-3½	...	...	...
334.30	Brown (N)	458	+24	...	2.0	26.9
763.30	Burton	54½	+1	...	4.6	...
20.80	Cantors	197 †	+1	...	2.5	27.4
47.30	Church	438	+10	13.0	3.8	∞
28.90	Clinton Cards	170	+5	4.3	3.2	20.5
1,723.80	Coats Viyella	255	-11	...	4.0	19.2
16.60	Colourvision▲	82	-3	5.6	8.5	14.7
31.90	Cty Casuals	166	-1	...	3.1	15.4
214.40	Courts Furnish	875 †	+1	5.6	0.8	11.0
3.12	Crown Eyes▲	195	-10	7.5	4.8	13.3
1,623.20	Dairy Farm Intl	97½	-2½	...	4.0	∞
134.20	Dewhirst (IJ)	106½	-1	0.8	0.9	34.2
837.20	Dixons Grp	211	+1	...	3.7	...
5.74	ERA Gp	10	...	...	...	...
6.96	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
30.70	Essex Furn	288 †	-1	...	1.8	42.9
154.10	Etam	236	+4	7.0	3.7	21.6
409.10	Fine Art Dev	514	+5	13.0	3.2	16.7
2.85	Fired Earth Tiles	50	+1	...	...	...
16.40	Forminster	708	...	14.5	2.6	12.9
21.10	French Conn▲	132	...	...	...	...
25.30	Gent SR	70	...	...	4.1	21.5
21.70	Goldsmiths Gp	99	+2	0.3	0.4	...
5,653.70	GUS	592 †	-10	...	2.6	17.4
3.34	Hampden Grp▲	25	...	...	5.0	...
72.20	Hartstone	67	-3	...	...	...
35.10	Helene Plc	28	+½	2.0	9.0	13.2
5.09	Heritage▲	40	...	...	...	...
6.90	Honeysuckle▲	82 †	-1	...	3.8	12.0
18.20	Jacques Vert	191 †	+2	...	2.5	14.6
3,916.80	Kingfisher	589	-15	...	2.9	30.3
36.40	Leslie Wise Gp	76 †	-5	4.0	6.6	∞
88.80	Liberty	536	-5	7.2	1.7	63.0
401.90	Lloyds Chem	340 †	+4½	...	2.9	11.3
980.80	MFI	168½	+6½	...	2.8	76.6
11,588.40	Marks Spencer	417	+2½	...	2.5	21.3
362.00	Menzies (John)	651 †	+2	...	2.1	17.0
47.40	Moss Bros	284	...	3.5	2.4	33.4
828.70	Next	223	+4	3.5	2.0	26.6
12.60	Oliver (G)	50	+6	...	...	...
148.10	Oriflame Intl	277	-1	...	4.4	13.6
82.90	Pentos	39½	-1½	0.8	2.7	7.6
109.80	QS Hldgs	264	...	5.1	2.5	18.8
33.90	Rhino Grp▲	40	-2	0.5	1.6	∞
39.40	Rosebys	200	-8	4.6	3.0	∞
169.10	Sherwood Gp	151	-21	...	2.2	13.6
1,808.00	Sears	119½	+4½	...	3.7	48.1
110.60	Signet Group	37½	+½	...	...	...
1,436.30	Smith WH 'A'	524 †	+8	...	3.6	16.9
167.80	-do- B	120½	...	...	3.1	19.4
2.18	Specialeyes▲	14	+2	...	...	...
913.70	Storehouse	220	-1½	...	2.8	21.8
118.20	T & S Stores	185	...	6.0	4.1	13.8
75.30	Tie Rack	146	-1	1.0	0.6	23.0
133.00	Time Products	251	...	7.7	3.9	21.7
8.52	Usher (Frankl)▲	123 †	-½	6.0	6.1	13.3
2,991.70	Vendome	428	+10	...	1.8	19.9
22.60	Vivat	41	+2	1.2	3.9	∞
76.30	WEW Group	52½	-½	...	3.2	38.7
3.14	Wensum▲	42	...	1.8	5.6	...
438.30	Wickes	118	+1	...	1.1	28.1
7.12	Wld of Leather▲	89	+2	...	...	...
68.60	Wyevale	179 †	+2½	4.4	3.1	∞
3.48	Xtra-vision▲	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
335.60	ACT Group	181	-4	...	3.5	18.2
40.90	Acal▲	283	...	...	3.1	20.4
58.30	Admiral	540	...	6.3	1.5	∞
88.00	Alba	190 †	+1	...	3.2	21.6
10.50	Alphameric	39	...	...	...	...
223.80	Amstrad	38½	+1½	...	1.6	...
20.50	App Holo▲	98	+7	...	...	...
24.50	Arlen	33	...	...	...	...
274.40	Astec	89	+1	...	0.4	...
57.70	Azlan	264	-1	...	1.4	31.4
26.90	Beales Hunter	275	...	...	4.3	17.0
2.92	Benner & Fount	2½ #	...	...	...	...
1,526.80	BICC	433	+13	...	5.2	30.1
157.10	Blick	515 †	...	...	2.5	19.0
266.40	Borland▲	937½	+25	...	...	...
649.80	Bowthorpe	349	+5	...	2.5	23.2
25,558.30	BT	411½	-1	...	4.9	19.9
5,038.60	BT P/P	293	-½	...	4.9	19.5
4.55	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17½	+½	0.1	0.7	...
26.40	Burnfield	77 †	+2½	...	4.1	99.9
9,635.90	Cable Wireless	441	+1	...	2.2	23.1
82.20	Chloride	34½	-½	...	...	...
47.80	CML Micro▲	273	...	4.7	2.2	19.8
25.10	Comptr People	181	+2	1.5	1.0	∞
392.30	Cray Elect	178 †	-4½	...	1.2	17.3
50.70	Critchley	437	-5	...	1.4	25.2
765.20	Delta	517	-11	...	3.6	∞
25.10	Densitron El▲	575	...	...	1.4	18.5
121.80	Domino	480 †	-13	...	2.1	20.6
107.70	Dowding Mills	73	+2	...	4.3	31.3
100.00	Drucker	1563	-72	10.3	0.8	31.4
1,097.20	Electrocomps	522	...	...	2.0	29.4
49.60	El Data Prc	190 ↓	-3	...	1.2	16.2
38.40	Electron House	153 †	+1	...	2.2	21.9
35.50	Emess	33½	+5	0.1	0.4	∞
359.40	Eurotherm	804 †	+3	...	1.5	27.3
938.70	FKI	211	+10	...	2.0	30.9
784.60	Farnell Elect	585½	-5½	...	1.4	31.0
5.42	Feedback▲	64	...	...	3.9	8.7
48.00	Flex Tech	309	-1	...	0.8	25.7
21.50	Forward Gp▲	262	+22	4.0	1.9	18.5
9.35	Forward Tech	27½	+4½	0.2	1.1	∞
8,331.10	GEC	304½	-2½	10.4	4.3	15.2
112.70	Graseby	175	-11	...	4.8	∞
37.10	Graystone	13½	+½	...	...	...
2.07	Hilchare▲	43	...	0.5	1.5	...
66.60	Ind Control	162	+1	...	3.5	14.8
65.20	Jones Stroud	358 †	...	...	3.1	14.4
52.50	Kalamazoo	138	+8	2.7	2.4	32.1
2.88	Kembrey	10½	-½	0.1	1.8	...
135.80	Kenwood App	370	-2	...	2.6	20.8
31.60	Kewill Sys▲	261	+1	...	...	...
12.40	Kode	133	-4	6.0	5.6	∞
4.03	Laser-Scan▲	25	...	...	...	...
17.20	LBMS▲	96	-44	0.7	1.0	13.5
16.60	Lec Refrig	275	...	9.0	4.1	...
224.40	Life Sciences	132 †	+1½	3.9	3.7	∞
188.50	Logica	306	-4	...	1.7	35.1
4.22	LPA Ind▲	47	...	...	6.5	...
117.10	MR Data Mngmt	211 †	+9	...	3.3	23.5
121.50	Macro 4	665 †	-5	...	3.7	20.0
109.30	Manvier-Swa	334 †	...	...	2.2	19.5
137.50	Micro Focus	966	+38	...	...	9.3
59.10	Microgen	150 †	-3	...	6.0	15.1
23.20	Microvitec▲	36½	+2	...	...	...
204.10	Misys	526 †	-12	...	1.8	19.2
291.60	Mitel	369	-5	...	...	...
19.40	MMT Comp▲	173	-3	...	2.9	23.6
4.85	Molynx	24	+½	1.3	6.8	...
69.80	MTL Inst▲	283 †	+10½	4.1	1.8	∞
21.70	Multitone Elect	141 †	+1	3.5	3.1	25.6
34.60	Murray Enr	131	...	...	1.9	...
10,222.50	NYNEX	2478½	-31½	...	...	...
31.10	Neoronics	120	...	...	2.7	20.9
2.55	Newmark (L)	58	...	...	...	...
27.40	Norbain▲	369	+2	...	0.5	28.4
9.85	Northamber	58	+1	0.6	1.3	...
11.10	Oceonics	8	-½	...	...	...
167.20	Oxford Inst	344 †	-11	4.6	1.7	23.7
45.50	P & P	78	+1	...	3.4	21.4
104.20	Peek	89	-2	3.4	4.9	∞
12.80	Pegasus▲	204	-3	5.0	3.1	∞
12.90	Philips Fn 4%	120	-450	...	5.8	...
6,162.90	-do- Lmp nv	1928½	+28½	...	0.9	∞
155.40	PhoneLink▲	438	+12	...	...	...
32.30	Pico	340 †	...	...	1.6	28.5
22.80	-do- 'A' Voting	330 †	...	...	1.6	27.7
3.58	Plasmec▲	77	-2	3.0	4.9	6.5
27.80	Pressac	113	...	...	2.8	23.9
32.70	Psion▲	235	+6	2.5	1.3	62.4
609.50	Racal Elect	218	-9	4.2	2.4	13.0
8.49	Radamec	46	-2	...	4.1	9.8
8.74	Radius▲	32	+4	0.4	1.8	∞
7.84	Real Time ▲	112	-3	...	3.3	23.0
112.30	Sage Gp	540	+1	...	2.3	16.6
31.50	Sanderson Elec	332	-8	9.9	3.7	14.2
31.00	Scanatronic	85	-1	3.1	4.7	23.3
81.00	Scholes Grp	211	+12	...	3.0	21.7
358.50	Sema Gp	394	-8	3.1	1.0	∞
26.90	Servomex	270	...	5.9	2.7	20.4
14.40	Silverstones	44	...	...	2.8	...
8.55	Soundtracks▲	85 †	...	...	3.5	21.3
3,498.50	TDK	2812½	+78½	...	1.1	32.0
1.12	TDS Circuits▲	12½	-1	...	...	...
127.60	Telemetrix	141 †	+3	1.0	0.9	...
82.80	Telspec	261	-10	...	1.2	32.8
4,779.70	THORN EMI	1122	+4	...	3.6	36.0
23.00	Thorpe FW	186	+1	...	1.8	21.7
3.53	Total Systems▲	33	...	1.5	5.4	6.2
96.60	Tunstall	295	...	...	1.5	21.1
214.50	Unitech	314 †	+9	...	2.5	53.4
27.60	Verity	13½	+1	...	...	...
36.70	Viseca▲	30	+1½	0.3	1.6	17.7
5,548.60	Vodafone	551	-18	...	1.7	24.0
124.50	Volex	470	+1	18.1	4.8	19.3
3.76	Western Selectn	25	...	0.2	1.2	...
47.60	Wholesale Ftgs	335 †	...	11.7	4.4	35.6

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,331.80	East Midlands	608 †	+33	...	4.2	10.6
1,463.20	Eastern Elect	630 †	+16½	...	4.0	12.0
1,378.60	Hydro-Elect	359 †	-10	...	4.1	12.6
1,328.20	London Elect	609	+9	...	4.4	11.5
858.90	Manweb	723	+18	...	3.8	9.0
1,327.00	Midlands Elec	628 †	+21	...	4.2	9.9
6,011.30	National Powr	470	+33	...	2.9	11.6
830.50	Northern Elec	673 †	+40	...	4.2	8.8
658.40	Nthn Ireland	280 †	+14	...	3.1	13.4
1,127.70	Norweb	653	+15	20.8	4.0	9.4
4,413.90	PowerGen	563	+38	...	2.5	14.8
3,145.90	Scottish Power	386	-6½	...	3.7	14.3
869.50	Seeboard	341	+10	...	3.8	10.7
707.20	Sth Wales	690	+2	...	4.2	10.6
781.70	Sth Western	635 †	+15	...	4.2	9.4
1,723.60	Southern Elec	636 †	+21	...	4.1	8.4
1,315.40	Yorkshire Elec	633 †	+19	...	4.2	11.9

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26.40	Aitken Hume	57	+4	1.0	2.2	12.1
26.00	BWD▲	136 †	-½	4.0	3.7	21.2
31.40	Baltic Plc	104	-1	...	1.8	∞
123.00	Bionic Inv	207	-1	...	...	...
958.40	Caledonia	672	+14	...	2.9	25.0
61.20	Camellia	2450	...	...	1.5	9.2
74.70	Candover	335	+1	11.0	4.2	∞
298.10	Govett	420 †	-2	...	4.5	8.6
65.30	Ivory Sime	225	+10	...	3.9	19.4
48.00	Johnson Fry	320	-8	...	1.3	...
213.00	Lon Forfaitng▲	213 †	+5	9.3	5.3	∞
16.20	Manakin	79	+1	...	...	...
19.10	Nat Home Loan	18½	+1	...	...	0.4
20.70	Newmarket	58	+2	...	...	...
63.80	Rathbone Brs	324	-1	6.5	2.5	19.7
71.90	Rutland Tst	28	+2	...	3.6	16.6
37.40	S & U	330	...	10.2	3.6	13.0
192.40	Singer & Fried	100	...	...	3.8	12.6
423.40	Sotheby's	1248	+63	...	1.3	...
407.80	STP Capital	149	-8	3.0	2.5	61.5
33.60	Towry Law	220 †	...	...	2.6	21.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
9,745.20	Amer Express	2025	+137½	...	...	...
393.00	Gartmore	195	+11	...	2.6	∞
221.80	Henderson Ad	1033	-7	...	5.1	23.8
526.10	Invesco	213	+8	...	1.8	...
2,319.30	Jardine Strat	245½	-19½	...	3.2	10.2
983.70	MAI	293	+12½	...	3.0	15.8
1,213.00	MAM	645	-3	16.0	3.1	16.1
767.30	M & G	1019	-24	...	3.1	21.3
227.40	Smith New Crt	412	+2	...	2.1	4.0
28.40	Trio Hldgs	51	-4	2.5	6.1	∞

FOODS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,509.90	AB Food	559	+5	...	3.4	11.6
1,661.40	ASDA Group	58 †	...	1.6	3.6	...
113.20	Acatos & Hutch	343 †	...	...	2.9	12.6
388.20	Albert Fisher	64	+1	...	7.3	14.2
2,874.00	Argyll	256	+11	...	5.6	9.2
22.30	Banks (S C)	280 †	...	9.0	4.3	9.9
62.20	Barr (AG)	329 †	-1	6.5	2.5	∞
12.10	Bensons Crsp▲	66 †	-5	2.8	5.4	∞
887.30	Booker	416	+1	...	6.5	36.1
30.90	Borthwick	57½	-2½	...	2.8	66.5
244.80	Brake Bros	480	-5	6.3	1.7	20.0
61.80	Budgen	38 †	-1	...	4.3	11.5
4,141.70	Cadbury-Schw	499 †	+17½	...	3.6	16.2
14.00	Carrs Milling	204	...	...	2.6	14.9
19.50	Cranswick	145	...	...	6.9	13.7
3.96	Cullens	15	...	0.5	4.2	43.1
13.50	Dalepak	116 †	-2	...	5.4	33.8
1,039.70	Dalgety	454	-13	...	5.8	13.0
6.61	Daniels S	82	-5	...	0.5	∞
344.20	Devro	255	-3	...	2.7	24.2
15.60	Everest	62	-16	...	7.6	11.6
88.70	Fiorepak	392	...	5.9	1.9	24.1
2.10	Farringford	8	...	...	...	...
79.80	Finlay (James)	80	-4	...	6.5	26.6
281.50	Fyffes	100 †	+3	...	1.8	17.1
191.00	Geest	266	-2	8.1	3.8	12.0
22.80	Global▲	19	+½	0.5	3.3	29.6
20.20	Grand Central	51	...	0.8	2.0	...
361.60	Hazlewood Fds	156	+½	...	3.2	8.8
1,193.40	Hillsdown	173	+12	...	6.6	12.8
433.90	Iceland Group	158	+2	...	2.8	10.0
45.60	JLI Group	110	...	...	5.3	12.2
930.10	Kwik Save	602	...	...	3.8	10.8
83.30	Low (Wm)	156	-1	...	6.7	5.5
129.10	Matthews (B)	104	-1	2.3	2.8	68.1
12.70	Merchant Retail	15	-1	0.9	7.9	30.7
838.60	Morrison (W)	117½	+1½	...	0.9	15.3
96.00	Nichols (JN)	243	+1½	5.7	3.0	∞
1,216.50	Nthn Foods	212	-6	...	5.0	10.4
5.73	Nthmbn Fn▲	12	...	...	...	...
285.50	Nurdin Peack	225	-7	...	3.5	12.5
212.80	Park Foods	357	+1½	...	2.3	27.5
90.90	Perkins Food	74	+2	...	7.8	∞
64.80	PizzaExpress	122 †	-5½	...	0.5	25.8
5.25	Regina Hlth▲	7½	...	...	...	...
6,941.30	Sainsbury J	388	+28½	...	3.3	13.6
3.57	Sentry Farm▲	83	+2	1.5	2.3	14.9
32.10	Sims Food	106	...	...	7.7	20.4
1,331.60	Tate & Lyle	427	-2	...	3.8	11.4
4,323.00	Tesco	220	-1½	...	4.1	10.0
122.30	Thorntons	192 †	-1½	...	2.5	...
21.30	Treats▲	226 †	-1	...	2.2	18.4
841.30	Unigate	380	+4	...	5.7	11.8
1,827.00	Utd Biscuits	348	+19	...	5.7	∞
17.40	Usborne	19	...	...	3.5	14.0
152.90	Watson & Phil	394	-6	...	4.5	16.3
18.20	West Trust	43 †	+1	...	7.8	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3.12	Abrdn Stk H▲	36	...	...	...	...
263.60	Alpha Airpts	175	+5½	...	2.9	20.0
167.00	City Centre Rest	87½	-1	1.5	2.2	21.1
2,243.80	Forte	260	+5	...	3.6	20.4
36.10	Friendly Hotels	184	...	...	3.9	35.8
51.20	Jurys Hotel	150½	...	...	4.2	12.2
2,361.90	Ladbroke	207 †	+6	...	3.6	57.4
566.60	Mandarin Ornl	83½	-7½	...	4.0	20.7
49.80	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.3
15.40	Ryan Hotels E	23½	-1½	...	5.3	...
318.90	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1115	+40	7.0	0.8	...
338.10	Stakis	88½	...	1.0	1.4	∞

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
13.80	AAF Inds	60	+4	...	18.3	3.7
434.00	AAH	486 †	-10	...	4.5	16.2
23.70	AIM	170 †	+2	...	5.5	20.8
380.00	APV	129	-2	...	5.2	...
130.00	ASW	194 †	+4	...	3.9	∞
151.20	Adwest	186	+2	...	4.8	17.9
6.46	Aerospace Eng	17 †	+½	...	5.5	...
66.90	Airsprung	280	-18	...	2.1	17.9
70.70	Alexdra W	210	+1	4.1	2.4	33.2
5.08	Allied Radio	11	...	...	...	...
102.30	Alumasc	330 †	+4	...	2.3	18.4
40.00	Alvis	72 †	+5	...	1.7	13.0
29.20	Amber Ind	74½	...	...	3.2	17.1
14.30	Amberley Gp▲	53	-2	1.0	2.4	...
35.30	Amagen	76	...	...	...	...
13.60	Andrews Sykes	95	+15	...	3.9	...
495.10	Antofagasta	1575	-53	...	1.3	29.1
16.60	Armour	57½	+3	...	3.7	13.3
45.70	Ash & Lacy	175	...	6.4	4.6	17.9
13.10	Ass Br Eng	5	+½	...	1.3	65.4
160.10	Avon Rubber	602	+9	...	3.4	21.2
35.70	Assoc Nursg▲	290	...	...	0.4	17.8
37.50	Atlas Equip	553	...	...	5.0	13.9
7.80	Ayrshire Metal	78	...	...	...	...
817.90	BBA	202 †	+10½	...	4.6	...
8.10	BLP Group▲	122	...	...	...	...
44.90	BM Gp	40½	+1½	...	...	...
3,439.20	BOC	721	-1	...	3.3	28.4
206.50	BSG	79½	-½	...	5.0	27.7
141.50	BSS Group	542	-2	...	4.0	30.3
13,367.00	BTR	384 †	+2½	...	4.0	20.2
83.00	BWI	174	-1	...	4.8	16.1
215.30	Babcock	40	+3½	...	3.4	23.9
4.67	Bailey (CH)	8½	...	...	...	...
217.10	Baird (Wm)	245	-4	8.9	4.5	17.0
957.20	Barlow	487½	+56½	...	6.7	8.9
105.50	Baynes (Charles)	78	+1	...	2.8	∞
7.91	Bearing Power	23	...	...	4.1	14.6
6.98	Beauford	29	+1	...	...	...
1.66	Bedford (W)▲	35	...	...	...	...
19.60	Benson Group	15 †	...	...	2.5	11.4
78.40	Bespak	310	-5	10.2	4.1	9.7
129.70	Bilsby (J)	83	-2	...	3.2	...
3.45	Billam (J)	213	...	5.3	3.0	...
2.61	Bilston Batsea▲	31	...	...	...	...
9.31	Bimec Ind	7½	...	...	...	...
122.20	Birkby	280	+2	3.7	1.7	14.6
10.60	Black Arrow	43	...	2.1	6.1	13.5
145.80	Black (Peter)	265 †	-3	3.8	1.8	20.7
64.80	Bluebird Toys▲	818	...	16.0	2.5	∞
180.10	Bodycote	322	+1	...	2.0	20.6
1.74	Bogod 'A'	36	-2	0.7	2.4	13.6
5,579.80	Boots	536	-9	...	3.2	21.2
1.76	Booth Inds	44	...	...	...	...
2,445.10	Bowater	490	-6	...	3.0	20.5
553.70	Bowater Inc	1528½	-68½	...	...	...
79.50	Boxmore Intl▲	289 ↓	...	4.0	1.7	∞
13.30	Brasway	17	...	...	3.8	...
145.60	Brammer	325	+4	13.0	5.0	24.2
6.61	Bridgend Gp	24	+1	0.4	...	...
88.50	Bridon	156	...	...	3.2	...
7.82	Bridport-Gndry	78	...	...	4.8	...
1,353.00	Brierley Inv	52½	+2½	...	6.6	12.7
26.30	Br Bldg & Eng	235	...	...	4.3	19.8
3.90	Br Bloodstock▲	100	-2	...	...	...
142.30	Br Polythene	476	-13	11.5	3.1	∞
2,905.00	Br Steel	145½	+5½	...	1.3	...
21.70	Br Thornton	135	+10	...	4.6	14.0
634.80	Br Vita	280	-18	...	3.2	26.8
78.40	Brixton Grp	15½	-1½	...	1.5	∞
13,731.30	Broken Hill	828½	+12½	...	2.2	37.5
78.70	Bromsgrve Ind	110 †	-3	...	5.0	14.3
6.81	Brooke Tool	18½	+1½	...	...	...
15.20	Brown & Tawse	47	-1	...	...	...
199.00	Bullough	166 †	+2	...	4.6	72.6
10.30	Business Tech▲	13	...	...	...	...
15.60	CI Group	18	-2	0.5	4.0	17.3
7.22	Campbll & Arm	50	-3	...	...	...
33.90	Cannon St	33	+1½	...	...	...
45.40	Cantab Pharms	462	+9	...	...	...
147.20	Cape	273	...	...	4.8	18.5
2,348.30	Caradon	396	+10	...	2.8	32.0
341.10	-do- pf	189½	...	7.2	4.8	...
166.10	Cardo Eng	275	+1	...	4.0	20.4
30.10	Care UK	7½	+½	...	...	...
1,804.20	Carnaud Mtl	2237½	-25	...	2.8	∞
5.03	Cassidy Bros▲	92 †	...	...	3.3	22.3
53.00	Castings	251	...	4.6	2.3	17.7
132.00	Cathay Intl	47	-7	...	...	...
156.00	Celltech	221	+2	...	...	...
13.30	Chamberlin Hill	185	...	6.5	4.4	11.6
513.70	Charter	751	-11	...	3.7	11.5
63.00	Chemring	323	+8	...	3.5	16.7
4.97	Chieftain Gp▲	58	...	...	7.8	11.2
14.40	Chillington	45	+4	1.0	2.8	...
366.20	Christies Int	228	...	...	1.1	∞
10.40	Claybithe	63	...	...	5.0	...
2.72	Clayton Son	127	...	...	...	...
3.52	Cohen (A)	453	...	3.4	0.9	...
93.20	Community H	285 †	...	...	3.2	16.2
129.50	Concentric	238	-4	...	3.1	19.7
64.50	Cook (Wm)	293	-2	6.0	2.6	17.7
1,359.90	Cookson	278	+2	...	2.9	∞
11.40	Copymore▲	108 †	-½	4.0	4.6	∞
65.00	Crowll Pkr 'A'	161 †	-3½	...	4.4	21.8
15.60	Cosalt	137	-5	...	4.9	...
12.70	Creighton Nts	275	...	7.4	3.4	19.7
67.50	CrestaCare	40	...	0.6	2.0	34.6
1,770.80	Dana	3898½	-31½	...	...	...
664.80	Danka Bs Sys	354	-6	...	0.5	33.6
167.30	David Brown	291	+4	...	2.6	20.6
1,967.50	De La Rue	1021	+45	...	2.3	24.6
5.02	Dinkie Heel	41	...	1.1	3.4	32.6
317.50	Diploma	568	+11	...	2.6	22.8
110.30	Dobson Park	88	...	...	5.3	20.0
1.98	Dyson (J&J)	119 †	-1	5.0	5.3	21.9
10.50	-do- 'A'	87 †	...	5.0	7.2	16.0
7.02	EFG	15	...	...	...	...
193.20	EIS	438	+3	...	3.4	17.3
2.79	Eldief	22	+5½	...	...	...
14.20	Eleco	48	...	...	...	...
2,411.50	Electrolux 'B'	3384½	-68½	...	1.5	∞
29.50	Elliott (B)	88	-1	...	...	...
1,565.00	Eng China Cl	516	+5	...	5.0	30.9
19.00	Environmntl	132 #	...	...	...	...
5,753.20	Ericsson 'B'	3085½	-134½	...	1.2	∞
36.80	Eurocopy	70 †	+2	...	2.8	22.4
50.50	Expamet	80	+2	...	4.0	∞
285.40	Fairey Group	761	+30	11.8	2.0	∞
96.70	Fenner	140	+2	...	...	...
10.40	Ferraris Group	103	...	...	2.4	15.3
2.50	Ferrum	8	-1	1.4	21.9	5.6
7.68	Fife Indmar	73 †	+3	2.7	4.7	∞
912.70	Fisons	132	+1	...	4.1	...
58.50	Flexsilon	50 †	+4	...	8.8	...
68.40	Fogen	278 †	...	...	3.8	12.7
15.10	Folkes Group nv	40	...	1.5	3.8	27.8
14.20	French (Thomas)	120 †	-4	...	3.8	23.7
165.40	Frost Group	235	...	...	2.4	30.4
32.00	GEI Int	87	...	...	3.5	...
1,675.00	GKN	559½	+11	...	4.6	36.3
8.43	GR Hldgs	64	...	...	3.5	...
4.73	Garton Eng	126	...	4.1	4.2	...
314.20	Gestetner	160 †	-12	...	2.3	...
13.70	Glevers	60	-1	...	...	43.4
20,836.20	Glaxo	684½	+23½	...	4.4	16.2
9.60	Glenchewton	38	-½	...	...	...
786.20	Glynwed	380	-9	...	3.9	27.3
99.50	Goode Durrant	188	-2	...	3.6	...
117.50	Grampian Hd	170	-2	5.5	4.0	29.5
3,259.60	Granada	582 †	+13	...	1.9	22.2
57.30	Great Shrn▲	486	...	11.4	2.9	20.0
6.40	Green (Ernst)▲	83	...	...	10.9	12.1
25.20	Greenacre▲	14½	...	...	2.6	14.1
1.14	Guardian Grp▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
81.30	Haden MacLn	74 †	-2½	...	3.4	∞
7.03	Hadleigh Inds▲	97	...	1.0	1.3	...
25.50	Halkin Hldgs	70	...	...	...	54.6
90.60	Hall Eng	298	-9	9.5	4.0	∞
450.80	Halma	227	...	...	1.2	28.4
37.90	Hampson Ind	62	...	1.7	3.4	20.5
14,236.50	Hanson	281½	+11½	...	5.1	28.1
16.10	Harris (Philip)	150	...	...	5.7	9.1
1,461.00	Harrison Crsfld	210	-1	9.0	5.4	30.3
38.80	Havelock Euro	149	+2	...	...	...
6.75	Hay (Norman)	45	...	...	...	...
6.60	Headway	41	+2	...	2.1	...
1,132.10	Hepworth	468	+13	14.8	4.0	20.2
6.21	Hewitt (J)	183	...	3.2	2.2	14.5
2.89	High-Point	58	+5	0.5	1.1	...
57.20	Hill & Smith	192 †	+7	...	4.0	20.1
25.40	Hobson▲	27 #	...	...	...	...
5.96	Holders Tech▲	191	...	6.0	3.9	24.9
46.80	Hopkinsons	80	+2	0.9	1.9	45.4
17.50	Hornby▲	212	...	9.0	5.3	20.0
27.40	Howden	99	-1	...	3.9	15.6
59.20	Hozelock	249	-7	...	3.0	...
232.80	Hunting	242	-5	...	5.2	20.4
138.10	Huntleigh Tech▲	488	-2	...	1.0	32.3
1,128.10	IMI	347	-1	...	3.6	29.1
52.80	ISA Intl	136	+5	1.6	1.5	∞
39.10	Imercare Gp▲	138 †	...	...	3.2	13.2
40.10	Isotron	323	...	4.4	1.7	18.0
3,267.60	Jardine Math	458½	-62½	...	2.7	16.6
1,094.00	Johnson Matth	574	+22	...	2.3	22.4
62.50	Johnson & FB	44½	...	...	3.8	42.4
16.00	Johnston	152	-4	3.2	...	...
7.19	Jones Shipman	28	...	...	...	...
5.21	Jourdan (T)	29	-1	0.7	3.2	...
235.00	Kalon	177½	+2	...	3.0	∞
7.99	Kelsey Ind	260	...	8.0	3.8	∞
262.50	Kershaw (A)	753 †	...	...	4.5	38.9
31.10	Kleeneze	224 †	-22	...	0.6	72.5
443.70	Laird	377	-5½	...	3.5	18.6
42.50	Lilleshall	158 †	-½	...	3.6	...
15.90	Linear▲	225	...	...	3.3	15.9
10.10	Lincoln Fire▲	40	...	...	...	20.3
18.10	Linread	148	+8	3.9	3.4	∞
99.30	Linton Park	346	+1	...	5.1	12.5
24.50	Lionheart	12½	+1½	0.5	3.0	∞
5.25	Locker (T) A	17½	+½	0.8	6.1	25.5
240.30	Lon Ind	142	-1	6.2	5.5	...
1,175.50	Lonrho	153 †	-5½	...	3.3	73.4
406.00	Low & Bonar	416	+2	...	3.1	∞
66.30	ML Hdgs	44	+1½	...	...	...
16.70	MS Intl	61	...	...	5.1	37.4
51.10	MY Holdings	58 †	-2	...	2.7	15.3
179.90	Macfarlane	238	-5	...	1.8	27.0
481.00	McKechnie	528	+4	...	3.5	25.4
68.40	McLeod Russel	113	-2	...	6.7	16.2
5.68	Magnolia	99	...	0.1	0.1	15.9
26.50	Mang Bronze	161	...	...	1.9	26.6
39.00	Marling	21	+½	...	4.8	...
36.90	Mayborn▲	186	-23	5.2	3.5	14.3
112.90	Mayflower	57	-1	...	1.0	47.6
426.40	Medeva	155	+11	2.7	2.2	∞
245.00	Meggitt	113½	-2	...	4.2	19.3
108.20	Metalrax	131	...	...	3.6	21.4
28.20	Metroterr	117	-7	...	3.5	16.3
18.40	Metsec▲	119	...	...	...	...
54.90	Midstates	109	...	...	0.9	15.2
173.00	Molins	558	+10	...	3.5	∞
846.70	Morgan Cble	390	+1	...	4.0	20.5
25.30	Morris Ashby▲	217 †	+1	3.7	3.3	16.5
9.82	Neepsend	40	-2	1.0	3.1	53.7
56.10	Nestor-BNA	75	+1	3.1	5.2	17.9
30.20	Nobo Gp	247	...	5.3	2.7	24.4
335.40	Norcros	192	+7	...	4.6	28.1
20.20	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
3.12	Office Elec Mac	51	-1	...	...	...
25.10	OMI Intl	59½	...	...	3.9	...
15.40	PCT▲	174	...	7.2	3.2	19.8
3.52	Pacer Systems▲	75	...	...	5.9	∞
5.51	Pascoe's	36	...	...	...	...
331.50	Pentland	92	-7	...	4.4	∞
166.30	Photo-Me	280 †	+8	4.7	2.1	16.8
1,539.10	Pilkington	195	+1	...	1.6	...
100.00	Plasmbrook	100	-4	3.4	4.4	∞
258.60	Polypipe	165 †	-3½	...	1.6	21.1
22.60	Porter Chadburn	24	+1	...	2.1	11.0
237.00	Powerscreen	275	+2	...	3.1	14.3
37.50	Prospect Inds	21½	-½	...	4.7	12.3
8.99	RFS Group▲	75	+1	2.3	3.8	16.6
1.36	Radiant Metal	100	...	...	...	...
28.10	Ramco Oil▲	155	+1	1.0	0.8	51.9
3,440.10	Rank Org	418	-½	...	3.7	22.7
9.67	Ransomes	17	-3	...	...	...
2,362.50	Reckitt Colm	630	-23	...	3.3	14.5
31.30	Record	94	-1	3.6	4.9	∞
4.83	Reece	7½	...	...	...	...
54.00	Relyon	257 †	-½	5.2	2.5	∞
138.10	Renishaw	283 †	+½	...	2.9	35.6
100.00	Renold	152	+9	...	1.4	...
8,361.60	Reuters	2010 †	-18½	...	1.6	28.0
13.50	Rexmore	87	...	2.0	2.9	...
57.20	Ricardo Group	181	+7	...	3.9	25.6
5.86	Richard (Leics)	70	...	3.7	6.7	...
30.20	Richardson West	105	...	3.0	3.6	26.9
10.20	Ropner	158	...	8.2	6.7	22.0
21.90	-do- 'A'	152	...	8.2	6.8	21.5
22.80	Ross Gp	17½	-1½	0.6	4.6	7.2
164.40	Rotork	187	+1	...	2.5	21.9
31.40	Rubicon	160 †	...	...	3.4	20.2
16.50	Russell (A)	71	...	...	0.9	...
30.60	SEP Indl	38 †	+1	0.8	2.7	∞
744.70	SKF 'B'	1168½	+9½	...	...	...
562.90	Scapa	238	...	...	3.0	17.7
127.00	Scholl	189	...	...	4.2	13.8
177.10	Scotia	284	+39	...	...	...
49.80	Securicor	1200 †	-31	...	0.3	35.4
675.10	-do- 'A'	879 †	-40	...	0.4	26.0
852.60	Security Serv	778 †	-6	...	0.9	29.6
345.30	Senior Eng	143½	+½	...	2.8	24.0
98.60	Seton Health	320	+1	...	2.3	18.9
8.66	Shiloh	151	-2	3.0	2.5	16.3
190.20	Sidlaw	347	+15	...	3.8	17.2
2,512.40	Siebe	587 †	-18	...	2.2	20.7
160.50	Silentnight	340	-5	...	2.9	18.4
2,351.10	Sime Darby	150	-3	...	3.3	16.2
123.70	Simon Eng	123	+17	...	...	...
48.60	Sinclair (Wm)	223 †	+½	...	3.9	18.0
23.70	Six Hundred	44	+2	...	4.3	...
1,553.50	Smith & Neph	143½	...	...	4.4	14.3
5,538.80	SmithKline	404 †	+13	...	3.4	16.3
4,833.00	SmithKline Uts	369 †	+11	...	3.7	14.9
1,472.60	Smiths Ind	493	-2	...	3.0	19.8
87.90	Sthn Bus	91	-4	...	5.1	4.7
62.90	Spandex▲	585	+35	...	1.5	∞
32.60	Spear (JW)	430	...	19.0	3.9	∞
316.20	Spirax-Sarco	409	...	...	2.8	25.7
330.00	Spring Ram	68½	+5½	...	0.9	∞
265.20	Staveley	232	-½	...	4.6	13.1
66.10	Sterling Ind	236	-1	...	3.1	36.2
223.20	Suter	194 †	-½	...	5.9	17.2
	Swire Pacif 'A'	447	-8½	...	2.2	∞
13.40	Sycamore	4	...	...	...	...
5.18	Sykes-Pick	51	...	3.0	7.5	9.8
28.50	Syltone	173	...	...	3.5	25.0
1,398.80	TI	386 †	-6½	...	3.6	22.2
11.90	TLS Range▲	33	-3	0.2	0.9	...
381.60	TT Group	373	+11	...	2.2	23.0
295.70	Tabuc	236	-38	2.0	1.1	20.4
7,229.90	Takeda Chem	828½	+6½	...	0.8	15.7
2.93	Tex Hldgs	46	...	...	...	...
6.99	Tinsley (E)▲	97	...	...	7.2	16.7
24.00	Tilcon▲	220	...	...	2.4	18.3
2,817.40	Tomkins	252 †	+1	...	3.3	18.6
1,128.80	Trafalgar H	106 †	-1	...	3.8	...
87.90	Transtec Tech	92	-1	3.2	4.3	11.6
105.30	Triplex Lloyd	163	+1	...	5.4	19.6
428.70	UniChem	300	-4	8.4	2.7	19.6
83.20	Unicare	430	...	...	2.4	23.4
15.30	Unigroup	49	...	...	...	...
8,591.00	Unilever	1058	-24	25.0	3.0	∞
11,655.70	Unilever (NV)	7250½	-184½	...	2.9	12.0
6.53	Utd Inds	17½ #	...	...	...	...
368.50	VSEL	1025	-15	...	3.7	11.1
32.30	Vesson	22½	+½	...	...	...
585.10	Vickers	178	-1	...	2.1	22.0
136.60	Victaulic	309	-5	...	3.3	∞
273.20	Vinten	520	+10	...	1.9	∞
265.70	Vosper Thorny	795	-5	...	2.6	18.4
10.20	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	5.1	∞
229.50	Wagon Ind	518	-2	...	4.2	22.8
29.30	Waterbourne	3½	...	...	...	19.1
102.20	Walker Greenbk	104	-2	3.1	3.7	26.5
461.00	Wassall	289	+6½	3.4	1.5	∞
340.20	Watford Wdguard	48	+1	...	...	...
506.70	Weir	326	-4	...	2.3	19.3
5,446.70	Wellcome	627½	+½	...	3.4	13.3
9.51	Wellman	29½	+2½	0.9	3.8	48.2
177.50	West Fildcare	348 †	-14	...	1.5	22.4
124.70	Whatman	542	-2	9.7	2.2	18.4
75.60	Wheesoe	257	...	...	4.0	12.1
47.20	Whitecroft	109	+4	...	...	...
17.20	Widney	12½	+½	...	...	...
28.60	Wilkes (James)	162	+2	3.5	...	47.4
1,917.80	Williams Hldg	389	-6	...	4.2	22.1
38.40	Wilshaw	47½	-1½	...	1.4	20.9
2,496.40	Wolseley	935	+40	...	1.9	22.6
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
14.20	Wyko	44	-1	...	1.4	...
13.30	Young (H)	80	+2	...	5.2	...

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
497.80	Alex & Alex	1285½	+6½	...	5.2	...
4,116.60	Am Gen	1900	+175	...	4.1	...
21.30	Archer	58	+1	...	2.2	...
82.30	Bradstock	138 †	+6	...	4.9	15.7
850.00	Britannic	450	+17	...	3.2	...
89.70	CLM Insce	104	-3	...	...	...
3,235.90	Com Union	582 †	+4	...	5.3	19.3
132.60	Dom & Gen	1850	+17	...	1.6	25.7
138.70	EAI	58	-7	...	0.8	...
61.40	Fenchurch Grp	175	-1	...	5.1	15.6
2,764.60	Gen Accident	613	+10	...	5.8	13.2
1,657.90	GRE	191 †	+4	...	5.0	2.6
244.90	Heath C E	338	-5	...	5.3	...
90.70	Hogg Gp	140	...	8.1	7.3	12.7
128.30	Independent Ins	283	+3	8.2	3.6	∞
247.10	JIB Group	795	+45	7.5	4.9	∞
2,454.80	Legal & Gen	502	+35	...	5.1	∞
3,113.10	Liberty Life	1334½	+46½	...	2.4	21.2
285.60	LIMIT	182	-3	...	...	...
2,862.30	Lloyds Abbey	412 †	+16	...	5.5	13.2
798.70	Lloyd Thomp	284	+5	6.7	2.8	18.3
461.59	Londn & Man	384	-7	14.7	4.8	28.3
125.20	Lowndes Lmb	434	-1	14.0	4.0	15.6
4,116.30	Marsh McLn	5842½	+200	...	3.2	...
91.40	Nelson Hurst	180	+6	...	3.9	18.0
25.00	Orion	124	-1	...	5.0	...
24.20	PWS	79 †	-1	...	6.3	14.7
6,243.60	Prudential	330	+16	...	4.7	21.9
527.40	Refuge	337 †	-6	11.3	4.3	∞
1,797.20	Royal	277 †	+11	...	3.4	12.6
1,107.00	Sedgwick	215 †	+16	...	3.5	23.8
54.60	Steel Burrill	117	...	...	12.8	6.9
37.90	Stange Hldgs	75 †	...	...	5.0	63.7
2,658.30	Sun Alliance	329	+8½	14.2	5.4	...
173.60	Trade Indemnty	95	+7	0.5	0.7	∞
1,271.40	Transatlantic	422 ↓	+3	...	3.6	38.0
492.00	Utd Friendly	600	-13	15.1	3.1	26.2
977.40	Willis Corroon	234 †	+8½	...	3.5	21.7
9.12	Windsor	27	+1½	...	...	21.2

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
966.20	Alliance	1917	+17	47.0	3.1	∞
24.20	BZW Conv	153	...	7.8	6.4	...
307.50	Bankers	198½	-½	...	2.3	...
178.00	Baring Tribne	347 †	+1	...	2.4	...
12.80	Berry Starq	246	+6	2.2	1.1	...
401.30	Br Assets	104½	...	...	5.1	...
123.70	Br Empire Sec	93	-1	...	1.2	...
4.92	-do- Wnts	37	...	...	...	...
664.60	Br Inv	213	+3	4.6	2.7	...
159.00	Brunner	249½	-2½	...	2.6	...
44.90	Contl Asset	207 †	-1	...	1.8	...
18.10	Derby Inc	153	...	...	12.9	...
44.50	-do- Cap	290	+5	...	...	...
11.60	Drayton Blue	92	-1	8.4	11.4	...
50.00	-do- Eng Intl	102	...	1.0	1.2	...
153.20	-do- Far East	132½	-7	...	0.6	...
35.90	-do- Korea	156	-4	0.5	0.4	...
227.00	Dunedin Inc G	716 †	-3½	26.1	4.6	∞
40.80	-do- Japan	102	+½	...	...	...
5.72	-do- Warrants	71½	+½	...	...	...
265.60	-do- Wwde	787	...	...	1.5	...
54.90	Dundee & Lon	327	-1	...	3.4	...
932.80	Edinburgh	317½	-2½	8.5	3.3	...
545.30	Electra Inv	315	-1	...	2.8	...
183.50	Electric Gen	203	+1	3.1	1.9	...
1.57	English Scot	119 †	...	...	...	...
82.50	European Asset	331 †	-3	...	1.7	...
37.90	Finsbury 'A'	158	+1	3.0	2.4	...
211.20	Fleming Amer	319 †	...	...	0.6	...
57.50	Fleming Chinese	95½	-5	...	...	...
6.72	-do- Warrants	56	-1½	...	...	...
122.10	-do- Claver	220	-3	...	3.0	...
234.40	Do Cond	359	-3	2.7	0.9	...
94.00	-do- Entp	235 †	-4	...	2.6	...
529.20	-do- F East	350	-18	1.1	0.4	...
49.60	-do- Fledg	393½	-½	3.0	1.0	∞
34.00	-do- Hi Inc	105 †	-½	...	5.2	...
298.90	-do- Japan	259	-1	...	0.2	...
446.50	-do- Merc	309 †	-4½	0.7	2.7	∞
410.40	-do- Overs	309 †	-4	...	1.2	...
1,497.70	Foreign & Col	285 †	+½	3.5	1.5	∞
116.10	-do- Emg Mkts	116	-1	0.2	0.3	...
65.80	-do- Enterprise	70 †	-2	0.6	1.1	...
148.10	-do- Eurotst	246	+1	...	0.6	...
50.70	-do- German	129	+3	0.5	0.5	...
353.60	-do- Pacific	332	-9	...	0.8	...
191.60	-do- Smaller	185½	+2	1.8	1.3	...
175.70	GT Japan	281½	-½	...	0.6	...
36.00	Genl Cons Cap	199	+9	...	...	...
39.50	-do- Inc	109 †	...	...	10.0	...
44.10	Govett Am Smlr	177	-3	...	...	...
23.00	-do- Emg Mkts	116	-6	...	...	...
48.50	Govett High Inc	97	+1	...	7.0	...
645.10	-do- Oriental	359	-22	0.9	0.3	...
303.40	-do- Strategy	309	-2	...	2.7	...
54.00	Greenfriar	470 †	...	...	1.8	...
0.81	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
66.00	Herald	101½	+1	...	...	...
342.60	Inv Cap	138½	+½	...	4.6	...
31.90	IRS UK Smllr	110	+3	2.8	3.2	...
175.40	Kleinwort Chrt	216½	+½	...	3.0	...
197.70	-do- O'seas	249½	+½	3.4	1.7	∞
21.40	-do- Smlr	162	...	1.5	2.7	∞
169.80	Law Debenture	748	-1	18.5	3.1	∞
113.40	Majedie	216	+1	...	2.9	...
280.00	Merchants	283½	-½	11.0	4.9	∞
529.00	Mercury Euro Pr	460	-8	...	...	...
9,370.20	Merrill Lynch	2012½	+200	...	...	...
416.70	Monks Inv Tst	537	-4	...	1.6	...
57.80	Morg Gren Inc	145½	-1	...	3.9	...
2.52	Do Warrants	52	+1	...	...	...
34.80	Murray Ent	131	...	...	1.9	...
46.90	-do- Pf 1994	£260	...	...	...	...
1.28	-do- Warrants	39	...	...	...	...
18.80	Murray Euro	62½	-½	0.2	0.6	∞
1.23	Do Wts	20½	...	...	...	...
297.60	Murray Income	353 †	+2	11.3	4.0	∞
431.50	-do- Intl	359 †	-3½	11.6	4.0	∞
262.20	-do- Small	468	-16	...	1.1	...
6.64	-do- S/C Inc	83 †	...	...	16.0	...
8.18	-do- S/C Cap	146	+1	...	...	...
1.076	-do- S/C Uts	3400 †	...	...	3.9	...
9.86	-do- S/C DP	154	...	...	...	...
29.50	-do- Vent	338	-1	...	4.0	...
52.50	Nwthmg Inc	85	-1	6.7	10.4	...
142.10	O'seas Inv Tst	373	+6	...	1.1	...
93.70	Pacific Assets	473 †	-32½	1.2	0.3	∞
12.50	Do Warrants	378	-37	...	...	...
14.10	Personal Assets	9250	...	190	2.6	...
319.20	RIT Cap Ptnr	177	+1	1.1	0.8	...
25.10	River & Merc	115 †	...	...	10.0	∞
	Robeco	449	...	...	2.8	...
	Rolinco	448	...	...	1.7	...
116.30	St Andrew Inv	338 †	+7	7.8	2.9	∞
374.50	Scot American	167½	...	...	3.5	...
58.40	Scott Asian	285	-12	...	...	...
3.59	do Warrants	798	-45	...	...	...
544.90	-do- Eastern	86	-½	1.5	3.3	∞
586.00	Scottish	230½	-2½	...	2.7	...
822.40	-do- Mrge	228	-4	4.0	2.2	...
63.10	-do- Value	125½	+2	...	1.8	...
317.80	Second Allnce	1685 †	+11	...	3.0	...
302.70	Secs Tst of Scot	94½	-1	3.2	4.3	...
50.60	Selective Asset	175 †	...	...	1.0	...
59.80	Sphere Inv	48½	+½	3.4	8.8	∞
75.20	TR Far East	160 †	-9	...	3.9	...
305.00	TR City Of Lon	159½	-3½	...	3.9	...
128.00	TR Pacific	191 †	-6½	0.3	0.2	∞
112.30	TR Property	39½	+½	0.9	2.8	...
53.40	TR Tech Inv	147	+1	1.7	1.5	...
381.30	TR Smlr Cos	214	-1½	...	2.2	...
208.90	Temple Bar	361 †	-3	...	4.7	...
110.60	Thrgtn Asian E	120	...	0.5	0.6	...
258.20	Throgmorton	85 †	+1	...	3.4	...
17.50	Thrtg Dual Cp	300	-3	...	...	...
93.20	USDC Invest	255 †	+2½	4.5	2.2	∞
50.10	Value Inc Tst	117	...	4.0	4.3	...
872.60	Witan	252½	-1½	...	3.1	...

LEISURE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
463.30	Airtours	392	+1	...	2.2	17.2
17.30	Ald Leis	27	-15	...	13.9	8.8
296.30	Anglia TV	660	+10	...	1.8	30.6
21.20	Baldwin	111 †	+12	...	3.9	14.6
32.90	Barr & W 'A'	331	+10	10.0	3.8	21.4
50.70	Boosey Hwks	1300	...	22.0	2.1	19.5
16.90	Border TV▲	165	-9	3.6	2.7	13.4
16.70	Brent Walker	4½	-½	...	...	...
7.47	Bristol Scotts	123	...	...	...	...
7.84	Buckingham Int	6½	+½	...	...	...
5.82	Campari	56	+1	8.7	19.5	...
279.30	Capital Radio	394	+5	...	1.8	34.7
2,186.00	Carlton Comm	903 †	+8	...	2.4	22.9
19.90	Cradle Comms▲	395	+3	...	3.9	19.3
706.80	Central TV	2825	...	39.0	1.7	31.0
36.80	Chrysalis	141 †	...	3.2	2.9	...
640.20	Compass Gp	355 ↓	-5½	...	2.3	19.8
67.30	Eurocamp	296 †	+3	9.7	4.8	10.6
702.80	Euro Disney	412½	-12½	...	2.8	...
25.80	Euro Leisure	3½	-½	...	...	...
40.00	Ex-Lands	36	...	...	1.2	...
13.10	Fairline Boats	374 †	-9	...	3.5	35.2
511.40	First Leisure	313 †	-6	...	2.6	21.2
332.00	Flextech▲	400	-5	0.5	0.2	...
61.00	GWR Gp▲	963 †	-10	...	1.2	34.9
39.80	Grampian	275	-10	8.5	3.0	19.0
1.12	Greenwich Cable▲	16	...	...	...	...
98.20	HTV Group	142	-2½	1.0	0.9	∞
44.30	HIVtec Sports	92	...	...	3.1	...
37.30	Kunick	15½	-½	...	...	14.6
764.40	LWT Hldgs	739	+17	...	0.8	34.2
85.30	Man Utd	699	+2	...	3.5	38.2
15.60	Northern	48	...	...	...	9.2
190.30	Owners Abrd	122 †	-2	3.5	3.6	∞
38.10	The Pelican Gp	84	...	1.1	1.6	19.7
14.70	Prism Leisure▲	175	...	3.5	2.5	16.2
8.89	Quadrant Grp	38	...	...	...	...
20.80	Ramsdens (H)	228 †	...	4.5	2.5	∞
49.50	Scot Radio▲	530	-38	...	2.2	24.5
254.50	Scot TV	528	-2	10.3	2.5	20.0
48.20	SelecTV▲	33½	...	...	...	...
28.60	Southern Radio	101	-6	...	1.5	44.7
186.20	Stanley Leisure	393 †	+4	...	1.9	28.3
8.57	Sunset & Vine	150	+3	3.5	2.9	22.9
1,284.80	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.7
15.90	Ticketing▲	1½	...	...	...	...
13.00	Tottenham Hot	81	...	...	3.1	31.0
62.00	Trans World▲	159 †	-4	1.3	1.0	58.0
70.90	Ulster TV	673	-49	12.0	2.2	20.7
108.30	Vardon	148 †	+1½	1.1	1.0	∞
165.50	Yorkshire TV	329	-14	...	1.3	...
8.22	Zeners Gp	125	...	8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
7,617.40	Ang Am	3225	-19½	...	2.1	22.7
529.00	Ang Am Coal	2300	+150	...	4.4	10.8
1,447.60	Ang Am Gold	5988½	+187½	...	3.7	26.9
26.40	Anglo Pac Res▲	34	+½	...	...	...
48.00	Ballyrchlt	320	-8	...	...	...
32.70	Blyvoors	136½	+6½	...	...	...
4.21	Bracken	30½	+½	...	28.3	5.3
80.30	Buffels	730½	+15	...	8.9	6.5
8.23	Burns	3½	-½	...	...	...
4,993.80	CRA	842½	+29	...	2.5	26.9
35.60	Chiff Res	40	+5	...	...	...
6,225.90	De Beers	1657½	...	...	3.4	...
103.60	Deelkraal	104	+4½	...	1.9	7.8
17.50	Doornfontein	47½	+3½	...	...	...
1,644.30	Driefontein	866	+53	...	4.1	13.5
13.90	Durban	571	+5½	...	...	...
50.50	E Rand Gold	129½	+7½	...	8.4	3.8
117.00	E Rand Prop	88½	+½	...	...	...
374.50	Elandsrand	389½	+38½	...	3.1	...
1,128.90	FS Cons	948½	+42	...	6.8	12.3
9.78	FS Dev	46	+4	...	...	...
1,380.90	GFSA	1438½	+18½	...	2.8	24.1
2,093.50	Gencor	149½	-2	...	4.5	16.5
368.70	GM Kalgoorli	69	+½	...	2.0	28.2
12.50	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	-½	...	...	...
15.00	Grootvlei	131	+4½	...	7.6	8.3
102.00	Harmony	379½	+3½	...	...	...
383.70	Hartlet	342½	+6½	...	8.3	8.5
32.00	Inco▲	15½	-1½	...	...	12.8
642.40	Impala Plat	1015½	+43½	...	2.7	33.3
10.90	Kenmare Res▲	14½	...	...	...	...
176.80	Kinross	981½	+25	...	6.3	10.9
983.30	Kloof	709½	+35½	...	3.4	8.4
13.80	Leslie	86 †	+7½	...	13.1	4.6
39.00	Loraine	238½	+48½	...	...	...
174.20	Lydenburg	1100	+75	...	1.9	...
2,116.20	MIM	151½	+4½	...	1.5	65.7
3,336.90	Minorco	1481	+77	...	2.6	17.6
1,135.50	Nth Brkn Hill	121½	+4½	...	2.9	26.4
548.20	Orange Free	2434½	-112½	...	5.2	14.4
9,201.60	RTZ	864 †	+37	...	3.0	26.5
160.30	Rand Mines	269½	+81½	...	4.2	10.2
403.40	Randfontein	655	+56	...	6.3	6.6
467.30	Renison	235	+6	...	1.9	24.3
1,588.80	Rustnbrg	1269½	-21½	...	2.5	29.0
63.40	St Helena	659 †	+1½	...	6.4	13.3
578.50	Southvaal	2225 †	+36½	...	4.2	24.2
11.20	Stilfontein	86 †	+7½	...	24.0	16.1
35.40	Unisel	126½	+11½	...	3.5	12.1
8,040.70	Vaal Reefs	6750 †	+393½	...	4.0	∞
222.70	Welkom	630	+22½	...	5.3	14.1
239.60	Western Areas	594½	+2	...	4.4	4.1
793.40	Western Deep	2862½	+150	...	3.6	38.0
1,308.20	Wstrn Mining	338½	-1½	...	1.6	...
99.20	Winkels	815½	+58½	...	5.7	7.8
72.30	Zambia Copper	59	+1	...	...	...
67.70	Zandpan	52	...	...	8.0	17.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5.46	Abbey Panels	273	+10	...	...	...
9.82	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
96.40	Appleyard	157	-2	...	4.1	...
17.20	Bletchley Mtr	373	-12	...	3.1	19.0
36.30	Bostrom	230	...	6.0	3.3	40.7
1,405.10	Br Aerospace	504 †	-7	...	2.1	44.3
47.50	Burndene	45	-1	...	4.9	12.1
13.50	Caffyns	408	-15	11.5	3.5	21.6
37.40	Caverdale	20½	...	...	...	...
15.50	Central Mtrs	116 †	-2	...	4.3	28.7
15.90	Cook (DC)▲	37	-½	0.9	3.0	21.0
455.10	Cowie (T)	318 †	-3½	7.8	3.1	∞
32.70	Dag Morns	193	-2	5.7	3.7	34.9
24.80	Davnprt Vern	132 †	-20	...	4.0	13.1
32.40	ERF	330	-1	2.0	0.8	...
55.50	European Mtr	148	-2	...	3.1	20.8
116.60	Evans Halshaw	549	+28	13.0	3.0	∞
210.10	FR Group	279	-5	...	3.2	13.0
20,601.50	Ford Motor	4187½	-131½	...	...	...
28,821.40	General Mtr	4056½	-87½	...	1.3	...
7.16	Gowrings	79	-2	2.0	3.2	...
133.70	Henlys	335 †	-10	7.5	2.9	∞
10,886.90	Honda Motor	1118	+19½	...	0.8	...
4.44	Jacks (Wm)	41	...	...	...	...
8.74	Jessups	90	+1	4.5	6.2	...
289.00	Kwik-Fit	168	+7	...	2.9	...
506.60	Lex Service	535	-18	...	2.6	20.2
50.60	Lookers	264 †	-6½	...	3.1	25.7
1,629.60	Lucas	219	+4	...	4.0	...
24.00	Malaya Grp	27	-½	...	...	...
118.00	Pendragon	306	-1	...	2.6	25.1
58.70	Perry Gp	234	...	7.0	3.8	∞
48.90	Quicks Group	212	+1	...	2.8	27.2
2,303.50	Rolls-Royce	188½	+9	...	3.4	∞
1,200.50	T & N	239	+1	...	5.7	∞
142.90	Trinity Hldgs	378	+6	...	2.5	26.0
96.40	Vardy (Reg)	211 †	-½	...	2.5	24.8
332.10	Westland	325	...	...	1.7	22.8

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
51.20	Adscene	323 †	...	5.7	2.2	33.1
5.20	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
312.00	Blenheim Gp	338	-2	...	3.5	12.6
66.80	Bristol	410	...	...	3.7	37.0
74.90	Daily Mail	1496½	+6½	...	1.2	35.1
1,255.00	Daily Mail 'A'	1297½	+12½	...	1.5	29.5
162.90	Dorling Kind	264	...	...	1.6	23.9
4,054.50	Elsevier	6181½	-121½	...	3.0	...
753.00	EMAP	434	+15	...	2.3	26.8
328.70	Euromoney Pb	1600	...	...	3.0	28.1
17.50	Harrington K	174	-4	4.9	3.6	∞
70.30	Haynes Pub	450 †	-1	...	2.0	28.4
140.40	Hodder H'line	402	+10	5.1	1.6	34.2
16.50	Home Counts	166	-5	5.2	4.0	...
75.30	Intl Bus Comm	193	+1	...	...	27.9
8.40	Int Cm & Data▲	13	+1	...	...	...
384.20	Independent	490 †	+11½	...	2.9	...
205.40	Johnston Press	687	-1	6.5	1.2	28.9
37.10	Metal Bulletn	380 †	+6	10.0	3.3	∞
777.80	Mirror Gp	194	+9	...	...	14.1
8,357.40	News Corp	454½	-4½	...	0.3	...
1,926.80	News Intl	279	+1	...	0.6	17.1
3,598.00	Pearson	653	-27	...	2.3	35.5
90.60	Portsmth Sund	755	...	...	1.6	20.8
4,883.80	Reed Int	869	-11	18.7	2.7	∞
37.90	Southnews	247	...	2.3	1.2	48.7
91.40	Starling Pub▲	200 †	+½	...	1.9	24.4
800.70	Telegraph	594	+6	...	2.8	19.1
4,982.70	Thomson Corp	875	...	30.1	4.3	43.7
311.70	Trinity Intl	435	-6	9.0	2.5	27.3
1.63	Unit Group▲	30	...	...	...	...
1,676.00	Utd Newspapers	688	+7	...	3.9	19.1

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
70.00	Arion Energy	26½	-1½	...	...	26.0
24.20	Arcon Intl▲	42	...	...	...	...
	Aus Oil & Gas	74½	+4½	...	...	...
18.30	Aviva Pet	58	+4	...	...	...
2.61	Beverley	7½	...	...	...	74.6
100.80	Br Borneo	224	...	7.1	4.0	∞
13,200.10	British Gas	304½	+3½	...	6.1	...
20,050.80	Br Petroleum	367½	+16½	...	2.9	30.7
18.80	Bula Resources	2½	...	...	...	...
1,632.20	Burmah Castrl	837	+17	...	3.8	19.5
41.50	Cairn Energy	64	+5½	...	...	9.2
540.60	Calor Gp	321	-4	...	4.7	17.5
145.80	Clyde Pet	36½	-4½	...	...	...
37.60	Coplex Res	22½	-½	...	...	...
4.08	Edin Oil & Gas▲	23½	-½	...	...	25.4
2,022.10	Enterprise	411	...	...	4.9	21.2
149.20	Exp Co Louis	79	+14	...	...	...
60.80	Fairhaven Intl	25	+1½	...	5.0	∞
58.20	Fortune	5½	-½	...	...	...
89.80	Goal Pet	67	+5	1.4	2.6	12.8
43.00	Gt Western Res	39	...	...	...	...
178.40	Hardy O & G	158	+3	...	0.8	14.7
77.00	Kelt Energy	50	+2	...	...	...
975.80	LASMO	130	+3	...	3.2	26.3
4.61	-do- Units	65	...	0.4	10.5	...
6.35	Mid Scot Res▲	4½	...	...	...	...
416.80	Monument	42½	-½	...	...	...
6.75	New London	3½	-½	...	...	...
15.30	Nth Sea Assets	78	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
129.50	Oil Search	42	-2	...	...	...
	Petrel	39½	-5½	...	...	...
83.10	Pict Pet	161	-1	...	...	...
140.80	Premier	25½	+½	...	...	9.3
32.60	Presidio	128	-30	...	3.2	...
344.60	Ranger	290	+5	...	4.8	...
37,338.80	Royal Dtch Pl	6985½	-9½	...	4.4	∞
9,454.60	Schlumberger	3932½	+143½	...	2.0	...
38.20	Seafield	58	-1	...	...	...
22,303.40	Shell	672½	-9½	...	4.5	∞
3.95	Sunrise Eng Sv	135	...	...	...	...
27.30	Triton Europe	33	...	...	...	...
19.40	Villiers Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
1,287.10	Woodside	193	-2½	...	1.9	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
30.20	AG Holdings	166	-4	...	3.9	19.2
83.40	API	396	-18	...	2.6	29.0
2,436.80	Arjo Wiggins	259	+14	...	2.8	...
105.80	Abbott Mead	705	-3	10.3	1.9	∞
209.60	Aegis Gp	26	+½	...	...	...
26.40	Aspen Comms	194	...	4.9	3.2	17.6
1.99	BBB Design▲	24	...	...	...	...
145.40	Bemrose	460	+2	...	3.2	21.1
10.40	Birtdale	11½	...	...	...	...
787.10	Bunzl	181	...	4.0	2.8	27.3
51.00	CIA Gp	260	...	4.4	1.4	24.6
47.00	Capital Inds	130	...	...	2.6	16.2
6.18	City of Lon▲	80	...	...	6.0	14.8
35.60	Cropper (Jmes)	432	...	3.2	0.9	41.7
9.49	Delyn Group	112	...	1.6	1.9	15.1
29.50	Dolphin Pack	128	-1	4.5	4.5	30.8
9.67	Dudley Jenkns▲	80 †	-1	...	4.0	17.5
28.00	Elswick	14	...	...	2.7	15.7
27.50	Fairway Group▲	80 †	+½	...	4.7	18.1
137.60	Ferguson Intl	417	...	...	3.7	18.9
19.50	Ferry Pick	145 †	+3½	...	4.8	∞
52.40	Filofax▲	223 †	+15½	...	0.8	28.8
4.63	Finch	14	-3	...	...	...
13.30	Globon Lyons▲	140	...	3.2	4.5	14.5
48.40	Gold Greenlees	184 †	-55	8.4	5.7	16.6
12.50	Goodhead	31	...	...	0.2	∞
15.60	Huntsprint	27	+10	...	...	...
6.80	Intereurope	132 †	-1	...	7.4	11.9
90.80	Jarvis Porter	285	...	...	2.1	20.6
13.40	Lopex	29	...	...	...	...
12.00	MDI	26	-1	...	...	...
137.50	More O'Ferrall	422	...	13.2	3.9	50.6
53.30	NMC Group	121	-1	2.7	2.8	18.7
18.00	Osborne & Little	295	...	...	2.2	32.4
12.80	Osprey Comms	49	...	...	0.2	...
414.70	Portals	640	+9	...	3.2	18.2
7.95	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
61.00	Quarto	332	-2	...	3.2	20.4
386.10	St Ives Gp	380	+6	...	1.8	25.7
322.90	Saatchi	149	+2	...	...	29.4
943.60	Sappi	629½	+72½	...	5.2	12.0
21.50	Serif	30	...	...	...	...
50.00	Shandwick	59½	+3	...	...	...
802.40	Smith David	519	+9	...	2.4	35.4
1,581.00	Smurfit (Jeff)	325	+2	...	1.6	7.5
2.34	Sonic	112	...	2.5	2.8	45.0
53.50	Stat-Plus	249	...	8.8	4.5	∞
69.90	Taylor Nelson	31½	-½	0.3	1.3	26.4
11.00	VTR▲	141	...	...	1.3	21.2
598.60	WPP	115	-4	...	1.1	16.0
109.70	Wace	242	+5	...	0.5	...
204.20	Waddington (J)	254	+1	...	4.0	19.0
338.20	Watmough	307	+3	6.6	1.6	∞
4.84	Westport▲	4	-½	...	...	...
2.31	Wisdenay Mcks▲	35	...	...	...	...
16.80	Wyndeham	103 †	-1	...	1.8	22.1

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
79.30	Allied Lon	114	-1	...	3.9	28.5
30.00	Arcadian	43	...	...	...	...
39.70	Ascot Hldgs	8	+½	...	...	...
95.70	Asda	119	+1	...	3.3	12.5
75.50	Avonside	174	+13	4.1	2.9	24.3
7,816.70	BL	2553½	+81½	...	...	...
307.30	Bilton	700	-16	18.0	3.4	35.3
54.20	Bourne End	102	...	...	1.2	...
340.60	Bradford	237	+6	5.9	3.1	24.0
8.34	Brefero	17	-2	...	...	...
1,220.90	Br Land	409	+14	...	2.2	37.3
305.10	Brixton	218	+9	...	4.8	17.3
303.10	Burford	108 ↓	-3½	...	1.7	32.9
862.00	Cap & Regnl▲	188 †	-2	...	1.0	∞
8.68	Cardiff Prop	315 †	+15	...	1.0	70.5
268.00	Chelsfield	170	-2	...	1.8	...
127.40	Chesterfield	680	...	11.5	2.2	46.5
11.90	City Site Ests	77	-4	...	...	...
14.10	Clarke Nickolls	28	+2	...	...	...
3.59	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.3
55.00	Conrad Rtblt GS	46 †	...	...	...	...
284.90	Daejan	1625	+5	...	2.1	20.1
5.95	Darts Estates	17	+2	...	...	...
56.00	Debenham Twsn	137	-18	...	3.0	26.0
7.08	De Morgan	15	...	...	...	...
32.50	Dencora	182	...	3.0	2.1	...
80.10	Derwent Hldgs	688	-20	8.7	1.6	...
83.03	Development Sec	38½	+1	...	...	...
29.20	Dwyer	57	+2	...	...	...
27.40	Estates Agency	460	+3	...	2.1	96.7
7.59	Estates Gen	39½	...	...	...	...
157.80	Evans Of Leeds	179	-4	...	2.5	21.0
33.60	Five Oaks	34½	...	...	...	...
6.88	Fletcher King	77	...	1.0	1.6	31.0
237.90	Frogmore	471	-31	...	4.2	22.7
63.30	Grainger	318	...	...	2.1	96.5
698.60	Gr Portland	227	-1	...	4.4	21.7
177.00	Greycoat	19	-½	...	...	...
5,399.00	HK Land	200½	-16½	...	3.2	28.4
240.30	Hambro Cntyw	73	-1	0.7	1.3	∞
959.30	Hammerson	381	-31	16.0	3.3	38.5
57.70	Hallwd Rar	385	-3	...	1.7	12.8
39.70	Hemingway	36½	-½	...	...	...
11.40	Herring Baker	71	...	3.7	6.6	17.8
4.90	Jermyn	245	...	...	...	...
3,539.40	Land Sec	694	+5	23.1	4.2	20.7
250.50	Lon Merch Sec	103	-5½	4.0	4.9	16.0
6.57	Lon & Metro	14	+1	...	...	...
2,043.60	MEPC	490	+2	...	5.1	28.2
7.23	McInerney A	12	-½	...	...	...
41.90	McKay Secr	175 †	...	3.5	2.5	34.0
7.33	Markheath	6 #	...	...	...	...
10.70	Merivale Mre	78	+3	...	...	...
15.10	Moorfield Est	45	+2	...	...	...
62.60	Mountview	1365½	+81½	22.0	2.0	14.2
167.80	Muckow (AJ)	172	-4	...	4.6	24.5
18.40	Olives Prop	54	-7	...	...	...
22.90	ORB	1½	...	...	...	...
200.50	PSIT	165 †	-9	4.3	3.3	32.7
222.90	Peel	342 †	-16	4.3	1.6	...
8.72	Power Corp	7½	-½	...	...	...
7.59	Property Trust	40	...	...	...	11.4
43.50	Raglan	46	-4	...	...	...
40.40	Regalian	34½	+1	...	...	...
21.90	Rowlinson Secs	175	+5	1.5	1.1	21.9
63.80	St Modwen Prp	53 †	...	...	2.4	22.2
68.00	Savills Grdn	68 †	-3	...	5.0	33.9
33.60	Savills	93	+7	...	2.4	36.8
179.10	Scot Met	92	...	...	2.0	...
84.70	Shaftesbury	133	...	...	...	...
1.64	Shield	17	+3	...	...	8.9
1,034.80	Slough Estates	269	+4	...	3.8	18.8
93.50	Southend Prop	87	-4	...	3.4	...
68.10	Stanhope Prps▲	41	-1	...	...	...
110.90	Tops Ests	280 †	...	2.2	1.1	...
150.70	Town Centre	147	-5	...	2.9	28.3
61.80	Trafford Park	91	-6	...	3.8	21.0
1.73	UK Land	40	-1	...	...	...
17.40	Union Square	223	...	...	...	...
123.00	Warner	253 †	-13	...	5.4	22.5
95.20	Warnford	248 †	...	7.5	3.8	18.2
3.01	Waterglade	3	+½	...	...	...
138.50	Watts	90	+1	...	...	...
8.29	Wood John Do	101	...	...	0.9	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2.57	Automagic▲	45	+4	...	...	...
80.90	Headlam	230	+3	...	1.6	51.9
23.00	Lambert	385	...	13.7	4.6	∞
14.10	Pittards	65	+2	1.5	2.9	18.6
42.60	Strong & Fisher	25	...	1.0	5.2	∞
46.10	Stylo	241	-1	...	1.6	...
25.40	UK Safety	66	...	...	4.9	2.2

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
197.10	Allied Text	568 ↓	-7	...	2.8	19.7
7.94	Beckman (A)	65	...	...	6.9	13.9
3.57	Bolton Gp	39	-1	...	...	...
27.20	Br Mohair	205	-6	8.5	5.4	∞
3.62	Chartwell▲	58	...	...	...	...
154.30	Claremont Ga	380	+12	7.1	2.7	∞
572.70	Courtauld Text	587	+21	14.2	3.2	∞
2.87	Cupid▲	16	+2	...	...	...
242.10	Dawson	155	+2	...	6.1	11.8
6.01	Drummond	34	-1	...	...	...
9.11	Faupel▲	78	...	4.9	7.9	12.1
3.04	Foster (John)	27	...	...	...	...
8.07	Gaskell	166	-1	4.2	3.2	...
38.80	Hicking Pntcst	235	-1	...	2.2	16.7
4.90	Jerome (S)	65	...	...	0.4	...
137.90	Lamont	458	-6	12.0	3.3	30.3
96.10	Leeds	336	...	...	2.1	17.7
6.20	Lyles (S)	86	...	...	4.8	...
45.30	Magellan▲	177	-3	1.4	1.0	...
20.60	Parkland	233	-16	...	0.9	...
211.50	Readicut	109	+½	...	3.9	20.5
2.65	SEET	66	-1	...	...	...
72.20	Sirdar	136	-2	...	5.1	9.2
55.10	Stirling Gp	83	...	1.9	3.8	17.4
26.00	Stoddard	37	-3	...	5.1	34.4
19.80	Tomkinsons	319	...	...	4.5	27.1
16.20	West Trust	43 †	+1	...	7.8	...
25.90	Yorkyde	259	-6	...	2.6	17.0

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
14,532.90	BAT	472	+1	...	5.5	13.7
2,734.90	Rothmans	412	-12	...	3.8	12.9

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,099.20	Assoc Br Ports	585 †	+14½	...	2.0	∞
5,135.60	BAA	1005	+20	...	2.1	25.0
110.60	Badgerline	119	-2	...	4.3	∞
4,064.50	Br Airways	426½	+4½	...	3.2	17.9
21.50	Clarkson (H)	96	...	1.7	2.3	...
1,441.30	Eurotunnel Uts	535	-26	...	...	...
20.50	Fisher (James)	85	...	0.5	0.7	22.8
43.40	Iolst Steam	289	+2	...	3.6	15.2
10.80	Jacobs (JI)	49	-1	3.3	8.7	∞
75.30	Lon O'Seas Frnt	103	-4	...	1.3	18.9
414.80	Mersey Docks	465 †	-41	9.0	2.4	∞
109.60	Natl Express	274	+1	...	3.2	28.3
1,711.50	NFC	247 †	-13	...	3.5	37.9
471.00	Ocean Group	306	-10	...	5.9	...
33.00	Ocean Wilsn	83	...	4.0	6.0	15.0
4,053.60	P & O Dfd	679	+9	...	5.6	36.8
305.30	P & O 5 1/2%	158	+2	...	4.4	...
443.50	Powell Duffryn	669	-2	...	4.2	21.2
22.40	Seacon▲	226 †	-2	...	3.2	20.5
341.10	Stagecoach	194	...	...	2.4	23.6
589.60	TNT	104½	+4	...	...	...
366.60	Tibbet & Britn	835	-5	12.6	1.9	32.0
53.10	Tiphook	48	+2	...	...	...
407.20	TDG	277 †	+4½	...	4.3	...
30.40	Ugland	127	...	...	...	...

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,472.60	Anglian Water	497½	-9½	...	5.4	8.8
62.20	Mid Kent Hdgs	364	...	...	3.7	13.4
434.60	Northumbrian	642 †	-1	...	4.5	7.5
1,984.40	North West	533 †	+13	...	5.2	8.8
2,024.80	Severn Trent	564 †	+8	...	4.8	8.2
948.10	Sthrn Water	565 †	+4	...	4.8	8.2
87.20	Sth Staffs	1558	-2	48.5	3.8	11.1
707.50	South West	585 †	...	...	5.4	9.1
2,082.00	Thames Water	530	+10	...	5.1	9.3
953.20	Welsh Water	656 †	+9	...	4.6	6.6
827.60	Wessex Water	661 †	+21	...	4.2	10.5
1,046.40	Yorkshire W	524 †	+2	...	5.2	8.7

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.



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SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,100	Exch 13¼% 1994	100⅝	-⅛	13.38	5.04
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	101⅜	-⅛	9.89	5.02
1,240	Exch 12½% 1994	103⅛	-⅛	12.11	4.87
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	102⅝	-¼	8.77	4.99
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	105⅝	-⅛	11.34	4.95
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	97⅞	...	3.06	5.05
2,800	Exch 10½% 1995	106⅝	-¼	9.62	5.21
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	111⅝	-⅛	11.43	5.40
770	Treas 14% 1996	114⅝	-¼	12.23	5.61
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	118⅝	-⅛	12.86	5.80
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	114⅝	-⅛	11.54	5.82
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	109⅝	-⅛	9.14	6.10
1,280	Treas 13¼% 1997	117⅝	-⅛	11.23	6.25
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	111	-¼	9.46	6.30
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	107	-⅛	8.18	6.42
330	Exch 15% 1997	126⅝	-⅛	11.85	6.56
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	110⅝	-⅛	8.85	6.67
7,850	Treas 7¼% 1998	102⅝ †	-⅛	7.09	6.61
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101⅜	-⅛	6.65	5.45
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	125⅝	-¼	11.17	6.90
935	Treas 15½% 1998	133⅝ †	-¼	11.63	6.80
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	119⅝	-⅛	10.03	6.97
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	110⅝	-⅛	8.60	6.90

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
3,900	Treas 6% 1999	96⅛ †	-¼	6.22	6.77
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	121⅝ †	-⅛	10.08	7.05
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	114⅝	-⅛	9.15	7.02
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	114⅝	-¼	8.96	7.10
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	109⅛	-1	8.25	7.08
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	127⅝	-1¼	10.16	7.37
3,250	Treas 7% 2001	98⅛	-1⅛	7.10	7.22
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	113⅝	-1⅛	8.78	7.31
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	114⅛	-⅞	8.54	7.45
7,600	Treas 8% 2003	104⅛	-⅞	7.68	7.35
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	116⅝	-1	8.56	7.48
1,630	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	121 †	-1⅛	9.50	7.56
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	77⅝	-⅞	4.53	6.57
3,250	Treas 6¾% 2004	99⅛	-⅞	7.06	7.33
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	114⅝	-⅞	8.30	7.50
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	114⅝xd	-⅞	8.27	7.49
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	131⅝	-1¼	9.48	7.73
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	102⅝ †	-1⅛	7.82	7.58
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	102⅛	-1⅛	7.59	7.47
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	125⅛	-1⅛	9.38	7.73
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	107⅛	-2⅛	7.93	7.54
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	139⅝xd	-1⅛	9.68	7.75
5,221	Treas 9% 2008	112⅝xd	-1⅛	8.00	7.55

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	103⅛ †	-1⅛	7.70	7.54
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	113⅝	-1⅝	7.94	7.58
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	113⅛	-1⅛	7.91	7.58
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	81⅛	-2⅛	6.77	7.37
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	101⅛	-2⅛	7.61	7.53
4,950	Treas 8% 2013	104⅛ †	-1⅛	7.69	7.58
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	142⅝	-2⅛	8.45	7.78
6,950	Treas 8¾% 2017	112⅝	-2⅛	7.76	7.58

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	45⅝	-1⅝	7.65	...
475	Treas 2½%	31⅝xd	-1⅛	7.94	...

INDEX-LINKED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	137⅝	+⅛	...	...
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	200⅛	-⅛	1.66	2.61
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109⅝	-⅛	1.86	2.50
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2001	170⅛ †	+⅛	2.58	2.93
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	166⅝	-⅛	2.80	3.08
850	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	113⅛ †	-⅛	2.81	3.09
1,550	Treas IL 2% 2006	175⅝	-⅛	2.94	3.16
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2009	157⅛	-⅝	3.14	3.33
1,800	Treas IL 2½% 2011	164⅝	-1⅛	3.17	3.35
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	135⅛	-⅛	3.22	3.37
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2016	144⅝	-⅝	3.27	3.42
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	139⅛ †	-⅝	3.32	3.44
2,900	Treas IL 2½% 2024	116⅛	-⅛	3.30	3.42

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FROM COLIN CAMPBELL IN CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA

LIHIR, the fabulously rich gold deposit on the island of that name in Papua New Guinea, needs to be granted a special mining licence by midsummer if the share flotation of Lihir Gold is to go ahead as planned in September.

Lihir is the largest undeveloped gold resource outside South Africa, with a mine life of 37 years. It would be valued at up to $1.2 billion on a stock-exchange float.

It is a challenging project because of rock temperatures that rise to 100 degrees celsius and the island situation, Lihir has been described as the world's biggest beach-front mine with a sauna.

Stock-exchange flotation plans envisage raising equity of $300 million to $400 million and up to $300 million of bank debt. Investment bankers are currently visiting the island.

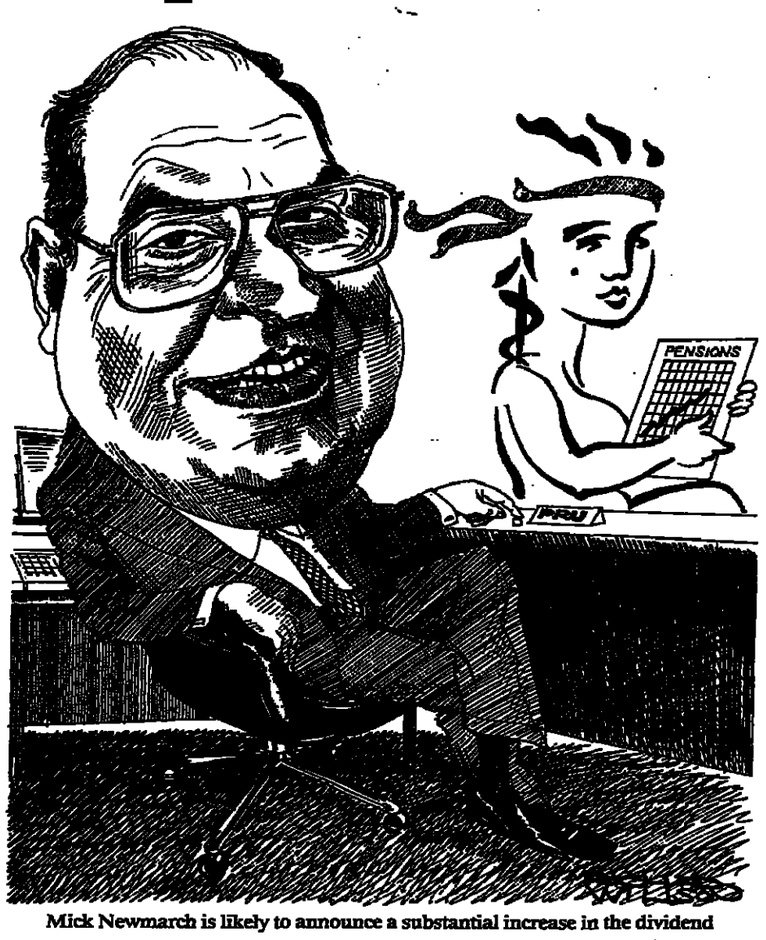
Geoffrey Loudon, chairman of Niugini Mining, says despite the protracted delays — the Lihir discovery was made in 1982 — he remains confident that mining will go ahead and a 1994 stock-exchange listing remains feasible. To date, $140 million has been spent evaluating the project, he says. The quoted Niugini Mining offers the most direct investment exposure, although the project will be managed and operated by RTZ.

The eventual shareholding in Lihir will be spread between RTZ, Niugini Mining, the Papua New Guinea government and public, and Malaysia Mining Corporation. The balance of the equity will be spread internationally.

Since 1982, the gold price has gone up and development costs have come down — from more than $1 billion to $609 million. In the first 12 years, Lihir is projected to produce an average of 620,000 ounces of gold annually.

Profit leap forecast at the Pru

MICK Newmarch, chief executive of the **Prudential**, Britain's largest life insurer, is expected to unveil a healthy improvement in full-year profits when it reports tomorrow. David Nisbet, at NatWest Securities, expects the pre-tax figure to advance to £535 million (£406 million). NatWest expects a 9 per cent increase in the net dividend to 13p, with earnings rising to 18.5p (15p) a share. Profit forecasts range from £510 million to £567 million.



Mick Newmarch is likely to announce a substantial increase in the dividend

TODAY

A strong dollar and lower costs should help **Bunzl**, the paper, plastics and packaging group, to report a further recovery in full-year pre-tax profits, to between £54 million and £57 million, up from £45.1 million last time.

Strong Christmas trading at **Argos**, the catalogue retailing chain, should be evident in the group's 1993 figures. Analysts expect final pre-tax profits of between £78 million and £83 million, compared with £65.6 million last time.

A partial recovery at the interim stage at **Lucas Industries**, the automotive and aerospace components group, will reflect past restructuring rather than any significant improvement in the group's main markets. Forecasts for first half pre-tax profits range from £15 million to £25 million, against £5.2 million last time.

Interims: Lucas Industries, Tay Homes.
Finals: Argos, Astec (BSR), Avonside, BPP, Bunzl, Crestacare, EW Fact, Doeflex, Fired Earth Tiles, Hibernian, Hongkong Land, Pandragon, Trafford Park Estates, Wilson Bowden.

TOMORROW

Hoare Govett expects final pre-tax profits at **Bowater**, the paper and packaging group, to advance to £196 million (£147.8 million). Forecasts range from £196 million to £214 million.

Interims: Allied London Properties, Butte Mining, Dorling Kindersley, Lincat, London and St Lawrence, St David's Investment Trust (2D), Trace Computers, Udo Holdings.
Finals: American Trust, Antofagasta, Appleyard, Avonmore Foods, Baillie Gifford Japan, Berry Starquest, Bourne End Properties, Bowater, BSG International, Clyde Petroleum, Derwent Valley, Iceland, Law Debenture, Lillput, Mandarin Oriental, Mayborn, Metalrax, Prudential, Quicks, River & Mercantile American Capital, RPS Group, Secure Trust, Trinity International, Try Group, UK Safety, World of Leather.

WEDNESDAY

Kingfisher, the retailing group spanning the Woolworth, Comet, Superdrug and B&Q chains, will report substantially higher full-year profits, helped by a contribution from Darty, the French electrical retailer. Zak Keshavjee, of Williams de Broë, has pencilled in a final pre-tax figure of £297 million, compared with £204.8 million last time. Forecasts range from £295 million to £305 million. A dividend of 15p (13.7p) is predicted.

REPORTING THIS WEEK

Smith New Court expects **Lasmo**, the oil exploration and production group, to reveal a full-year pre-tax loss of £5 million (£38.5 million loss), but a maintained 3.3p dividend.

Interims: Barratt Developments, British Building & Engineering, Burn Stewart Distillers, BZW Convertible Investment Trust, Frederick Cooper, Manganese Bronze, NFC (Cr1), Premium Trust (D), Ricardo, Town Centre Securities.
Finals: APV, Aspen Communications, Barr & Wallace Arnold Trust, Bournemouth Water, Bowthorpe, Britannic Assurance, W Canning, Clinton Cards, Devro, Fidelity Accumulating Money Fund, Fidelity Distributing Money Fund, Halifax BS, High Gosforth Park, I&S Optimum Income (Q3), Jardine Matheson, Kingfisher, Lambert Howarth, Lasmo, Lex Service, Bernard Matthews, More O'Ferrall, North Sea Assets, Michael Page, Quality Software, Richardsons Westgarth, TT Group, Thornton Asian Emerging Markets, UniChem, Waca, Weir, West Hampshire Water, Whatman, Arthur Wood.

THURSDAY

P&O, the shipping to property group, has benefited from the delays in opening the Channel tunnel. Strong passenger growth should help final pre-tax profits climb to £245 million (£209 million), excluding asset sales, according to Panmure Gordon.

Favourable exchange rate movements should mask flat trading at **Reckitt & Colman**, the foods, household and toiletry group. Final pre-tax profits are expected to advance to £277 million (£181.7 million), NatWest Securities believes. Forecasts range from £260 million to £275 million. Andrew Porter, at UBS, predicts an increased interim dividend of 5.8p (4.8p) at **Wellcome**, the pharmaceutical company. First-half pre-tax profits are forecast to rise to £360 million (£324 million), with Zovirax, the anti-herpes drug, showing a 13 per cent sales rise. Forecasts range from £341 million to £371 million.

Interims: Dowding & Mills, Foreign & Colonial US Smaller Companies, MJ Gleeson, John Maunders, Wellcome.
Finals: Abbeycrest, Ayrshire Metal, William Baird, Beradin, Bilston & Battersea Enamels, BNB Resources, Booker, Bridon, Brunicliffe Aggregates, Campbell & Armstrong (Q3), CIA Group, Cattles, Caverdale, Culver, JA Devenish, Frost, Geest, Hepworth, Jardine Strategic, Kinta Kellas, John Laing, Robert H Lowe, Malaya, Wm Morrison, Padang Senang, P&O, Reckitt & Colman, Ruberoid, Slough Estates, Sphere Investment Trust, Sun Alliance, TLS Range, United Newspapers, Wolstenholme Rink.

FRIDAY

Interims: Blackwood Hodge, China & Eastern Investment, Frogmore Estates, James Halstead.
Finals: Breedon, Capital Industries, James Fisher, Hornby, Macallan-Glenlivet, Mediterranean Fund, Monument Oil & Gas, National Express, Newman Tonks, Portmeirion Potteries, Ticketing.

PHILIP PANGALOS

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

IoD seeks legal right to interest on debts

FIRMS should have a legal right to claim interest on overdue debts, the Institute of Directors said. It called for court procedures to be improved to make it easier, cheaper and quicker for firms to claim late payments. "While we hope that the problem of late payment will diminish as the economy comes out of recession, it is nevertheless important for the legal framework to be right," said Dr Ann Robinson, head of the IoD policy unit.

The IoD's recommendations are in response to a Department of Trade and Industry consultative document on late payment, in which it argues that a right to interest would improve the payment behaviour of firms, particularly large ones, and the public sector. However, the IoD rejects legislation which could limit contractual freedom by specifying maximum payment terms, believing this would not benefit small firms, for whom the problem of late payment is most severe.

Angus tipped for Boots

SIR Michael Angus is the favourite to take over as chairman of Boots on the retirement of Sir Christopher Benson. The decision would leave Sir James Blyth, who is known to want to be chairman of the group eventually, to continue as chief executive for now. Sir Michael is one of Britain's most experienced industrialists and the serving president of the Confederation of British Industry. Formerly chairman of Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch consumer goods group, he currently chairs Whitbread, the brewer.

Colliery set to re-open

ROSSINGTON Colliery near Doncaster, moth-balled by British Coal as part of its pit-closure programme, is expected to re-open today as part of a deal with RJB Mining, the acquisitive mining firm headed by Richard Budge. RJB, which operates Clipstone colliery in Nottinghamshire and bought the Monckton Coke & Chemical smokeless fuel plant from ICI for £4.7 million last month, is believed to be willing to invest at least £3 million in Rossington, which provided 800 jobs at its peak.

Persona market plan

PERSONA, which distributes PC network and communications products, plans to float on the stock market early next month, through a £9 million placing by Beeson Gregory. The group will be capitalised at about £20 million. In 1993, Persona made substantially increased pre-tax profits of £1.75 million (£358,000), on turnover ahead to £22.8 million (£14.1 million). Wayne Channon, the chairman and managing director, said January and February were "significantly ahead" of the corresponding period last year.

Attack of nerves puts long-term economic health at risk

Bond markets are threatening to derail economic policies around the world. The US Federal Reserve Board wants to engineer short-term interest rates up to a "normal level", but its first move wreaked havoc. Since the ¼ point increase in Fed funds last month, the yield on the 30-year bond has risen from 6.25 to touch 7 per cent. The Fed thinks the market has over-reacted, but investors are attempting to double-guess the Fed. Maybe it thinks inflation is around the corner.

At the other extreme, the Bundesbank wants to cut short-term rates, but again bond yields are rising. The Bundesbank is unhappy with this, regarding the bond market as an indicator of its own credibility. It is also worried that a sell-off in bunds could precipitate a fall in the mark.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, faces a dilemma after mixed economic figures last week. Many commentators say the drop in retail sales means further rate cuts are necessary to offset next month's tax increases. Nevertheless, longer-dated gilt yields jumped on news that underlying earnings growth had risen to 3¼ per cent.

Apart from funding considerations, the British government has not been too worried about gilts sentiment. Traditionally, British mortgages have been floating-rate, leaving the personal sector more sensitive to changes in short-term, rather than long-term, rates. Companies have predominantly relied on equity financing or bank borrowing, rather than long-term debt.

However, this is changing. More than two-thirds of recent new mortgages have been granted at fixed rates, albeit on short terms. As companies pay off bank loans, low interest rates make fixed-rate borrowing more attractive. On the savings side, the corollary to the budget deficit has been increased buying of gilts by domestic investors.

These changing borrowing and savings patterns will affect policy, by making the economy less sensitive to base-rate changes. No bad thing, some will say, as it would make changes in base rates less politically sensitive and reduce base-rate volatility. However, the authorities will have to be much more aware of the gilts market. The withdrawal of several fixed-rate mortgage deals is a case in point: it was caused by a rise in gilt yields despite last month's base-rate cut. The media gave the impression that financial markets thought the next move in base rates would be up, denting consumer sentiment.

So would another base-rate cut be counter-productive? Retail price figures on Wednesday should show both the headline and the underlying rate falling. However, a further negative gilts reaction might mean a cut would be of no net benefit to the economy.

The Government has gone some way towards recognising the changing role of the gilt market. For example, steps to give the Bank of England more authority in the decision-making process show it is bowing to market pressure.

Hints of an open gilt-edged repo market could be another sign of changing attitudes.

All this is in stark contrast to the late 1980s, when the Thatcher government was repaying debt and some economists predicted the death of gilts. The market is growing in importance. But this makes its erratic behaviour even more problematic. Gilt price volatility has overtaken that of American and leading European bonds and is on a par with that of Italian bonds. This can only push yields higher than necessary and damage long-term economic health.

GLENN DAVIES
Crédit Lyonnais

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.4892 (-0.0133)
German mark
2.5257 (+0.0042)
Exchange index
80.6 (-0.1)
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Elephants might fly: Euro Disney investors whose shares climbed and then dropped like a ride have been outmanoeuvred

Cavalry rides to the rescue of Euro Disney at Buffalo Bill's

The future is based on figures grounded in the reality of hard experience while the fun and fantasy of the theme park live on for visitors, writes Jon Ashworth

Every night, visitors to Euro Disney don their stetsons and take their seats at Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show for a hoop-hollerin', dust-kickin' showbiz extravaganza. Indians chase the cowboys around a sandy arena while the Cavalry comes charging in. The kids love it.

While the families tuck into their ribs, Euro Disney's less-fortunate bankers are burning the midnight oil, thrashing out final agreement on a Fr13 billion rescue package for the troubled Euro Disney resort. The dust may have settled on last week's tumultuous shareholders meeting, but, behind the scenes, the battle over the small print rages on.

Buffalo Bill's, the seat of the action, was barely recognisable last week. The sand was hidden beneath row after row of chairs. Spotlights and microphones dotted the room while security men with ear-phones lurked in the shadows. Only the lingering smell of straw and horses provided a clue to what the night would bring.

Bandits among the 800 shareholders who turned up for Monday's meeting saw their guns spiked before the show had even started, thanks to a master-stroke of timing by Philippe Bourguignon, Euro Disney's chairman. The theme park was saved, he declared. A deal had been agreed. The banks were meeting in Paris at that very moment.

Shareholders itching to ask impertinent questions — such as why their company was about to go bust — realised they had been outmanoeuvred. They filed past the French television crews into the wintry gloom, wondering whether the Disney magic would ever live up to expectations. M Bourguignon did the customary interviews then left for an audience with Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister.

Down at the George V Hotel in Paris — a world away from Buffalo Bill's — representatives of 63 creditor banks were engaged in a very un-Disney-like affair. After weeks of talks between Walt Disney, the theme park operator's 49 per cent shareholder, and a committee of steering banks, came a dense wad of documents spelling out a proposed solution to Euro Disney's woes.

Debt would be slashed through a Fr6 billion rights issue. Interest payments on the remaining Fr10 billion would be frozen for 18 months and payments of principal deferred for three years. Walt Disney would provide a fresh Fr1.1 billion line of credit and pump in a further Fr1.4 billion by buying two theme park attractions and leasing them back to Euro Disney on favourable terms. In an important concession to the banks, Disney had agreed to waive royalties and management fees for a period of five years.

Back at Marne la Vallée, the 47,700 people who rely on Euro Disney for employment, directly and indirectly, were celebrating the first good news in months. Morale has been rock-bottom since Walt Disney delivered its ultimatum last summer, giving warning that it would pull the plug if a refinancing was not agreed by the end of March.

With the money almost in place, Euro Disney now has the chance to prove its critics wrong. Nearly 10 million people visited the theme park last year, making it far and away Europe's most popular tourist destination, but high running costs and over-optimistic projections meant the numbers counted for nothing. Something had to be done.

Over the past nine months, a whole raft of measures has been brought in to put Euro Disney back on an even keel. The cost of food and accommodation was outrageous. Visitors who were expected to stay a few nights made day-trips instead. Queues were too long.

Euro Disney's planners got it terribly wrong. In the year to end-September 1993, it was anticipated that 11.3 million visitors would generate revenues of more than Fr6.14 billion and a pre-tax profit of about Fr486 million. Instead, attendance was down 13 per cent at 9.8 million, revenues were 21 per cent lower than expected and there was a pre-tax loss of Fr5.34 billion.

Klesch & Co, a London research house, talks about the "triple whammy" of lower than anticipated guest attendance levels, guests who even when they do enter the park spend far less on food, beverage and gifts than forecast, and a cost structure designed in anticipation of far higher revenue levels. Employee salaries absorbed nearly 37 per cent of total revenues last year.

A new management team has tackled such matters head on. In addition to 949 redundancies, about half of the Euro Disney "cast", as employees are known, are now employed as casuals, with staff taken on and laid off according to demand. Seasonal pricing has cut hotel charges by up to 30 per cent and the cost of food and merchandise by up to a fifth.

The cost of a low season stay at the Hotel Santa Fe for a family of four has been slashed from Fr550 to Fr300 (about £37.50) per night.

Stephen Burke, head of operations, has been behind many of the changes. He said: "Our job is to respond as quickly as possible to what our guests want. Exit surveys showed that guests found lines too long and prices too high. We've opened six new attractions, adding 20 per cent more capacity, and waiting times are now much less. Euro Disney is much, much more affordable now."

Spring and summer account for 70 per cent of total attendance. Special deals are being offered to old-age pensioners and school groups in an attempt to keep the numbers up during the off-season, and "kids free" packages are being thrown in. The theme park is rebranding itself as Euro Disneyland. More emphasis is being placed on short breaks.

Now that uncertainties over Euro Disney's future appear to have been dispelled, prospects for recovery look good. While there are many Europeans who would rather fly to Orlando or Los Angeles for the amount of money involved, the chances are that enough will turn up at Euro Disney to make the venture viable. Disney claims it can break even at current attendance levels.

Prospects for bankers, shareholders and bondholders look less hopeful in the short term. Euro Disney is unlikely to begin to show a profit until late 1995. Plans to build an MGM theme park on the site have been shelved indefinitely, limiting the range of attractions open to visitors. Rival theme parks are planned in Spain and Germany.

On the positive front, a new TGV railway station is due to open in May, improving access from further afield, and hopes are high that the opening of the Channel Tunnel will encourage visitors from the UK. Economic recovery in Europe should help boost occupancy rates at Euro Disney's five hotels.

Euro Disney may never be the great tourist magnet it promised to be, but it still has the potential to draw in the crowds. Families strolling about on Monday were having a wonderful time, oblivious to the saga unfolding at Buffalo Bill's. That is the essence of Disney, after all.

Long haul to buzz bureaucrats out of Europe's airways



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Germany signed a new bilateral aviation agreement with America last week. Britain and America still begged to differ, as America's Transport Secretary effectively put off the deadline for a year. Both the German deal and the British stand-off show why such detailed haggles need to be swept away. They have little to do with open trade or benefits to travellers, everything to do with promoting the interests of each side's champion airlines. A system that once helped to break down trade protection now maintains it. The Germans and Americans could agree because the code-sharing link between Lufthansa, the state-controlled German airline and United Airlines, most astute of America's big three, suited both sides. It also suited them to keep out more competition.

The British deal failed because British Airways has formed a deal with USAir, a smaller US outfit in which it has taken a potentially controlling stake. There are no corresponding gains available for American Airlines, Delta or the understandably more relaxed United.

Indeed, as hinted in last week's first-rate analysis from the Commons Transport Select Committee, the belligerent AA might not have wanted a deal to be struck. It profits from current restrictions on competition and does not like the pragmatic United route to expansion. Its immediate priority is to stop British Airways, already the biggest transatlantic carrier, from making itself more competitive by penetrating the American internal market. In the event, BA has not been forced to unravel its links with USAir, leaving Delta, which is shut out of Heathrow, with the worst grievance.

So long as such national bilateral deals last, political haggling will determine who flies where, trade will be managed, producer interests will predominate and airlines will owe as much to lobbying and the negotiating skills of their governments as to their own efforts. Richard Branson's dynamic Virgin Atlantic, for instance, actually owes its existence to these trade restrictions. Every European country has its flag carrier, even when these operate in the private sector and America invents its own variable cast of international champions to match. Bilateral haggling obliges both Britain and America, the governments most sympathetic to free-skies policies, to threaten further curbs, hindering the natural development of competing world airlines. As the select committee points out, Britain continues to forbid US airlines to fly to Birmingham, which now has no air link to Heathrow and needs better services, because it needs a concession to keep up its sleeve.

National producer interests will only be relegated to their proper position if a new air deal with America is negotiated by the European Community. It would, however, clearly be disastrous to allow the protectionist Brussels commission to negotiate detailed controls under the existing system. An EC-US deal, the potential model for others round the world, would have to be a general framework within which airlines could compete freely. It must, therefore, allow any European airline to fly to any point in America and vice versa. Beyond that, there would have to be some compromises that would not be universally popular.

The issue of landing slots at Heathrow can be solved by a free market

So long as America refuses to allow foreign airlines to fly American domestic flights, it could not expect non-European airlines to fly more routes between EC cities. Neither side is likely to concede total freedom of ownership. The pragmatic alternative is complete freedom for code-sharing deals, which would become the norm. AA, for one, would not like that.

Smaller airlines could not realistically expect protection from supposed market abuses such as predatory pricing and "capacity dumping". These are normal features of unregulated competitive industries, such as construction. Attempts to sit on such abuses in the relatively small and simple UK bus industry keep regulators permanently busy. Among airlines, it would be impractical unless prices were still controlled or competition stayed as politicised as ever. There could, however, be a rule that, while average prices are not generally regulated, they could not move more than, say, a tenth in any year without approval.

Evidently, there is no possibility of the EC even approaching any such deal before state airlines have been restructured and launched into the private sector. Such freedoms do not even exist throughout Europe. Only when there is a single market in Europe, itself years away, could Brussels look further afield.

Even such a general deal would not solve one intractable problem. Airlines can only fly if they have a runway slot to take off and land and airport capacity to handle passengers and luggage. The issue of landing slots at Heathrow, the world's busiest international airport, scuppered the US/British talks. It will have to be solved, providing a model for other congested airports, before any wider deal could work.

Here, even the select committee retreats into a political perspective, relying on pre-empting a few extra slots to appease big US carriers. This would merely put off a problem that will only get worse. There are already five airlines chasing each peak-time slot. There is however, a simple market solution: allowing airlines to buy and sell slots through open auction, provided BAA, the airport operator, can handle the passengers. Its main control would be to "own" such new slots as become available.

Open slot trading would breach the EC code of conduct. That is no reason to abjure it. The Government should lobby Brussels and other member states to change the regulation. It will have an attractive case. Under the code, existing airlines "own" slots they use, so they would form a valuable new asset, especially for weaker state airlines and regional carriers. At Heathrow, domestic flights use a fifth of slots and transatlantic flights carrying similar numbers only a twelfth.

If airlines chose to sell some of these, they would help build up the other hub airports Britain needs — probably Birmingham, Manchester and Stansted — to service international passengers to and from the regions better. BAA would benefit doubly. Heathrow is losing markets to Schiphol and other continental airports. Allowing markets to allocate its capacity better would enhance its status.



Westland should stay independent

From Mr Barry Field, MP for Isle of Wight (Conservative) and Mr James Couchman, MP for Gillingham (Conservative)

Sir, We noted with interest a letter in your correspondence columns on March 8, questioning the logic in the GKN rights issue to finance the purchase of Westland Group.

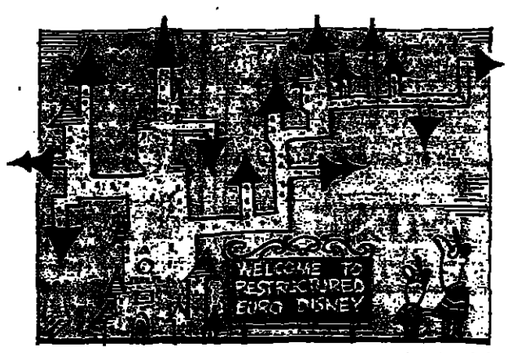
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Should shareholders have difficulty in seeing the logic of the loss of Westland's independence, we can only agree.

While we accept that Westland's future is in the hands of the shareholders, we see the logic of letting the present management remain in control to deliver the potential which the coming years hold for an independent group.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY FIELD,
JAMES COUCHMAN,
House of Commons.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY



Jockeying for position

THE hunt is on to find yet another director of regulation, a person of stature who can hold their own in tough boardroom situations, run a tight ship and advise on the most sensitive policy issues. Fine, except this is neither a City watchdog or a bank, but that venerable institution, The Jockey Club, which has created the post as part of a general drive to improve racing industry standards. Those in the know say a merchant banker or stockbroker could be just the person for the £50,000-a-year job, which will attach great importance to making sure the rules of racing are applied consistently. "It has got to be someone who understands the complexities of racing," a Jockey Club spokesman says. "It will appeal to a person of considerable substance who knows the industry very well." Racehorse owners in the Square Mile should bear the offer in mind.

Off the wall

IS BOND Street ready for this? Paul Dewees, president of America's — and possibly the world's — largest school for auctioneers, the Missouri Auction School, flew in to London from Kansas City this week to show the Brits how things are done. And Sotheby's and the other grand auction houses have some catching up to do, if the no-holds American approach is anything to go by. "Live satellite TV auctions are big," says Dewees, who frequently appears on television and radio, and played a 19th century auctioneer in Walt Disney's feature film, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. "High value real estate and classic cars are often sold by satellite." No challenge is too great. Dewees once auctioned a sunken ship for the American government — prompting prospective bidders to dive down to inspect the goods using scuba gear.

ANTHONY Kehoe of London University's School of Oriental & African Studies won the student category of this year's Sir Peter Parker Awards, not Marc Jardine. Apologies.

Ethics role

GAVIN Shreeve, managing editor of the Extel Financial news wire, is leaving the company a few months after it was bought by the Pearson-owned *Financial Times*. A former editor of another FT publication, *The Banker*, he becomes secretary-general of the Chartered Institute of Bankers from July, taking over from Eric Glover, who is retiring after 31 years. Shreeve, 47, says one of his principal aims will be to help raise global ethics in financial services. Well, that should keep him busy.

Three-point turn

SOME embarrassed shuffling of papers has been going on in Rover's advertising and marketing departments in the run-up to the BMW takeover. Remember the advert for the Rover 800 that had two Germans driving through Stuttgart admiring British technology? There was apparently plenty more advertising planned extolling the virtues of British engineering and delivering a blow to the solar plexus of German manufacturers. Understandably in view of Rover's new status, it has all had to change. As one Rover executive puts it: "All that stuff knocking the Germans for stealing sunbeds has gone in the bottom drawer. You could say we are having a rethink." Some would call it a U-turn.

On a roll

IN THE slipstream of the quest of Crispian Besley, the Smith New Court financier, to raise money for his Ferrari-racing activities, word of an even more daring venture reaches me from darkest Norfolk. Louisa Knapp of Didlington near Thetford — a modern day Amelia Earhart — leaves for Hungary soon as a member of the British Aerobatic team, and is looking for companies keen to see their names on the side of her high-performance Extra 300 . . . for a fee, of course. Knapp, 25, one of the United Kingdom's few female display pilots, flies off soon to practise for the world championships, to be held in Hungary in August. The 325-hp Extra, with a roll rate of 330 degrees per second and airframe stressed to plus and minus 18G, provides excellent cardiovascular exercise, she tells me. I shall be happy to put potential sponsors in touch.

Home cooking

CORPORATE finance specialists are known to have a penchant for self-indulgent holidays, and Barrie Fisher, founder and chairman of corporate finance boutique Livingstone Fisher, is no exception. Fisher, known to be someone who seriously enjoys his food, has just spent a week on a residential cookery course at Le Manoir Aux Quatre Saisons, in rural Oxfordshire, which saw him put to the test in Raymond Blanc's kitchen. "Not many people can stand the heat of the kitchen," says Fisher, who claims his soufflé is now second to none. "Dishes were demonstrated, then there was a chance to prepare and cook them." And did M Blanc's regular diners benefit from Fisher's deft touch? "Absolutely not," he snorts. "Raymond would be appalled at the thought."

Brainy Bradford

PROVIDENT Financial is — quite literally — enjoying a degree of success. The financial services group that recently produced a 54 per cent profits leap to £62 million has, I hear, no less than 15 managers who sport the Master of Business Administration degree. At least a score more of the Bradford group's thrusting lieutenants are studying for the qualification. "Study for an MBA forms an important part of our management development programme," says David Stevenson, corporate communications manager. "It has helped broaden managers' experience and allowed them to progress to senior management positions."

Polished smiles

LITTLE goes a long way in Poland. A recent mail-shot enclosing a small sample of toothpaste resulted in hundreds of thousands of thank-you letters to the surprised marketeers. "It shows how keen they are in Central Europe to embrace the many benefits of Western capitalism," says Glenn Wellman, who manages CS First Boston's Central European Growth Fund.

JON ASHWORTH

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (22518)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (64258978)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk hosts a discussion (s) (8570686) **9.45 Newshound** (6396678)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5019792) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (8589150)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine programme (91567334)
12.15 Pebble Mill (s) (1816247) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (20387792)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (33063)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (67384518)
1.50 The Great British Quiz (s) (67388334)
2.15 Knots Landing. *Dallas* spin-off (s) (1616841)
3.05 Family Affairs (s) (6473112)
3.30 Popeye Double Bill. Cartoon fun (4964179)
3.45 Bump. Animation (9770711) **3.50 Model Millie** (s) (4944315) **4.05 Batfink** (9043470) **4.10 SuperTed** (r) (4293173) **4.20 Albert the 5th Musketeer.** (Ceefax) (s) (9448228)

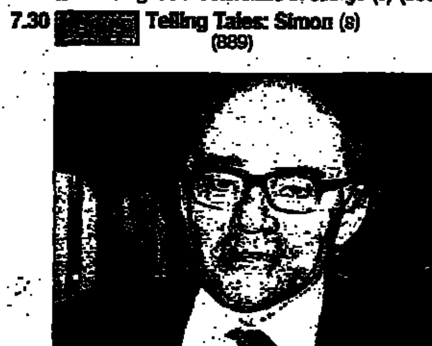


Diane O'Kelly, windswept narrator (4.45pm)

4.45 Along a Lonely Road. Diane O'Kelly reads the first of a five-part story by Catherine Sefton (s) (2773624)
4.55 Newsround (2779808) **5.05 Blue Peter.** Diane-Louise Jordan takes part in a science sleepover. (Ceefax) (s) (4592315)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (753402). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (711)
6.30 Regional news magazines (173)
7.00 That's Showbusiness. Entertainment trivia game hosted by Mike Smith. (Ceefax) (s) (9711)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs. (Ceefax) (247)
8.00 A Question of Sport. Ian Botham is joined by Graham Gooch and Gary McAllister. Bill Beaumont's team is Paula Radcliffe and Neil Thomas. (Ceefax) (s) (5131)
8.30 Men of the World. Comedy series about a travel agent who is keen to tutor his young colleague and lodger in the ways of the world. With David Threlfall. (Ceefax) (s) (4266)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7334)
9.30 Panorama. A report on the treatment of breast cancer in British hospitals (445266)
10.10 Ice Dance. Stephen Lowe's love story on ice about a young Nottingham couple struggling with parental pressure and personal problems (r). (Ceefax) (921247) **Northern Ireland:** The Back Page 10.35 The Liam Neeson Interview 11.05-12.35am Ice Dance **Wales:** 10.10 the Noble Trail 10.40 Sister Wendy's Grand Tour 10.50-12.25am Ice Dance
11.45 Channel Hopping (s) (195773)
12.15 Careering Ahead (67280) **Northern Ireland:** 12.35-1.05am Channel Hopping
12.45 Weather (5561808). Ends at **12.50 Northern Ireland:** 1.05-1.35 Careering Ahead **Wales:** 12.55-1.25 Careering Ahead
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (64174)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: East Meets West (7814266) **6.45** Christopher Plantin (3678841) **7.10** Understanding Narrative (3618808) **7.35** Scotland in the Enlightenment (7392537)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (4618247)
8.15 Westminster Daily (4691570)
8.30 Arthur Negus Enjoys. Luton Hoo (r) (8075773) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (4354605)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes (24998088)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather, followed by **Numbers Plus** (s) (47755711)
2.15 Regional Westminster Reports (583889). **Northern Ireland:** A Taste of Ulster
2.45 Portraits from on High. Women of the Haute Savoie talk about their lives (r) (3482421)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather, followed by **Songs of Praise** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4397889)
3.40 A Week to Remember (b/w) (r) (9760334) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (9766518)
4.00 Today's the Day. Quiz (s) (976)
4.30 People of the Valley. Welsh-language soap with English subtitles (s) (860). **Wales:** Keen on the Past
5.00 All in the Mind. Quiz show (s) (4889)
5.30 Gardeners' World (r). (Ceefax) (s) (112)
6.00 Def II: The Fresh Prince of Bel Air. A weathergirl is asked to pose for *Playboy* (245191) **6.25 The Ren and Stimpy Show.** Animation (187686)
6.50 Young Musician of the Year. Cellist Lynn Harrell takes tonight's masterclass in strings (s) (666334)
7.30 Telling Tales: Simon (s) (889)



Professor Martin Fleischmann (8.00pm)

8.00 Horizon: Too Close to the Sun. (Ceefax) (s) (366353)
8.50 Sister Wendy's Grand Tour. Sister Wendy Beckett visits Rome. (Ceefax) (s) (675266)
9.00 FILM: The Quiet Earth (1985) starring Bruno Lawrence. Science fiction thriller in which a New Zealand scientist believes that he is the only person left on Earth after a global experiment goes horribly wrong. Directed by Geoff Murphy. (Ceefax) (s) (6605) **10.30 Newsnight.** (Ceefax) (669179)
11.15 The Exploratory: Strangers in a Strange Land (s) (144570)
11.55 Weatherview (965860)
12.00 Modern Art: The Impressionist Surface. Monet and Cézanne (2194025)
12.25 Creativity and Conceptual Design (5090629). Ends at **1.30**
2.00 Night School: Links (36087) Ends at **4.00**

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CRITICS' CHOICE



Simon crusades for Christianity (BBC2, 7.30pm)

Telling Tales
BBC2, 7.30pm

Simon is 18 and perhaps untypical of today's British youth. He is against drink, drugs and sex outside marriage and believes in God, miracles and hell. He is spending the year before he goes up to university training as a missionary. The course costs £1,600 and is a birthday present from his parents, who are also devout Christians. Simon tells his story in the first of an eight-part series which features young people from a diversity of classes and cultures. The climax of his instruction is a coach trip with fellow aspiring missionaries to Spain to win the hearts and minds of godless youngsters on the Costa del Sol. His parting prayer is that God will come out well from the programme. Simon definitely does.

Beyond the Clouds
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Phil Agland's engrossing portrait of small-town China comes to an end and many will be sad to say goodbye to his rich cast of characters. If nothing else *Beyond the Clouds* has killed the joke that all Chinese look alike. From Dr Tang, the kindly but ailing GP, to the old grannies who have provided a sort of Greek chorus, the people of Lijiang have emerged as individuals first and citizens second. The series has also demonstrated that despite pressures for change, not least as China embraces the free market, tradition dies hard. You can see it in the state's determination to restore a 300-year-old Tibetan monastery. Less admirably, it surfaces in the story of a young woman who disappeared for three years after being sold into marriage.

Horizon: Too Close to the Sun
BBC2, 8.00pm

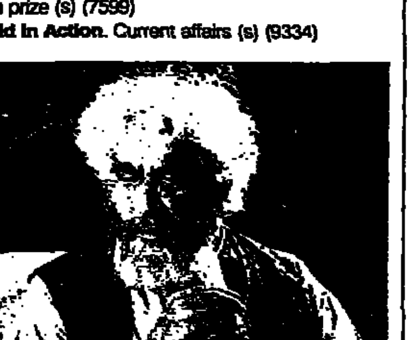
Whatever happened to Professors Martin Fleischmann and Stanley Pons? They were the chemists from the University of Utah who claimed to have invented a new energy source based on cold fusion, only to have it derided and dismissed by fellow scientists. Five years on Deborah Cadbury's film tracks them down to the south of France, still convinced that their findings were correct. Moreover, other experts are making similar claims. But the sceptics remain. One likens cold fusion theories to sightings of UFOs. Leaving aside the rights and wrongs, Cadbury looks at how scientific developments can be influenced by personal rivalry, the competition for research grants and institutional pride.

The Exploratory
BBC2, 11.15pm

Professor Fleischmann also contributes to the first of four programmes, being shown over consecutive nights, in which scientists and their critics discuss science past and future. A novelty of the series is that the guests can use a computer to call up clips from BBC archives to support their case. Chaired by Dr Roy Porter, tonight's debate is about insiders and outsiders. It asks why some scientists get Nobel prizes while others are banished from the academic mainstream. Also taking part are Brian Caddy, the forensic scientist who challenged the evidence in the Birmingham Six case and Joan Shenton, a journalist who supports the contentious view that Aids is not caused by HIV. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (8941808)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show (s) (3495889) **9.55 London Today** (8565570)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place (s) (6237537)
10.35 This Morning. Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan present the daily magazine (91551773) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7163686)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) (9255624)
12.55 Coronation Street. Tempers flare at Weatherfield general hospital (r). (Teletext) (s) (9230315) **1.25 Home and Away.** (Teletext) (57897228) **1.55 Capital Woman** Anneka Rice talks to a mother who discovered that her child was taking drugs (s) (66193727)
2.25 A Country Practice. Wandin Valley's water supply is threatened (s) (93749179)
2.50 The Young Doctors (6582179)
3.20 ITN News headlines (8939711) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8938082)
3.30 Tots TV (r) (s) (4968995) **3.40 Alphabet Castle** (r) (s) (9757860) **3.50 Cartoon** (9753044) **4.00 Talespin** (r) (s) (3521082) **4.25 Where's Wally?** (r) (9485995) **4.50 Brill.** (Teletext) (s) (7973228)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (4519082)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (771286)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (11792)
7.00 Wish You Were Here..? With the fiftieth anniversary of the D-Day landings only weeks away, Judith Chalmers looks at the attractions of Portsmouth and Alison Holloway visits the Normandy beaches. Anna Walker travels to Mexico City and the beaches of Puerto Vallarta. (Teletext) (s) (1179)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (315)
8.00 Talking Telephone Numbers. Philip Schofield and Emma Forbes invite viewers to win a £10,000 cash prize (s) (7599)
8.30 World in Action. Current affairs (s) (9334)



Frank Finlay holds clues to a murder (9.00pm)

9.00 The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes: The Golden Pince-Nez. Mycroft, Holmes's brother, helps Conan Doyle's intrepid detective to investigate the death of a young man. With Jeremy Brett, Charles Gray and Frank Finlay. (Teletext) (s) (6957)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (94537)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (131421)
10.40 FILM: Commando (1985). Humorous action yarn starring Arnold Schwarzenegger who is forced to wipe out anything that moves when his daughter is kidnapped. Directed by Mark L Lester (25371599)
12.15am Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (919445)
1.15 Little Picture Show (915629)
2.15 Shannon's Deal: First Amendment (3855209)
3.05 Sport AM (8554613)
4.05 FILM: Breaking Point (1961, b/w). Spy drama starring Peter Reynolds and Dermot Walsh. Directed by Lance Comfort (6446480)
5.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (55938)
5.30 ITN Morning News (12174). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 The Adventures of T-Rex (r) (3689957)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (23686)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Quiz show (r) (s) (71686)
9.30 Schools: Geography — Start Here! (4246841) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (4269792) **10.02** Science — Start Here! (4435063) **10.18** World Studies: Earth Tales (4414570) **10.40** The English Programme. Somewhere to Run (8430976) **11.07** Time for Maths (8478570) **11.18** Mathsbook (8492150) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (1875112) **11.45** Junior Technology Designing and Making (1803995)
12.00 Right to Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (84150)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is flautist James Galway (57711) **1.30 Dr Snuggles** Cartoon (r) (66666)
2.00 Homefront. Drama about three young men coming to terms with life in small-town America after the Second World War (s) (1626228)
2.50 Gustav and the Insomniac. Animation (4664179)
3.00 Dolphin Dilemma. Many scientists believe that keeping dolphins captive for research and entertainment is cruel (r) (1896549)
3.55 Nature Perfected. Landscaped gardens imitate the wild (r). (Teletext) (7632537)
4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (228)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Conversation from Dublin with Gabriel Byrne (s) (1792)
6.00 Don't Forget Your Toothbrush. Entertainment with Chris Evans (r) (s) (19334)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (295995) **7.50 Comment** (444063)
8.00 Brookside. Jimmy's life is hanging by a thread and the only person who can save him is Ron. (Teletext) (s) (8841)
8.30 Desmond's. Gloria helps her friend perform a pregnancy test (r). (Teletext) (s) (7976)



Mr Zhao restores a Tibetan chapel (9.00pm)

9.00 Beyond the Clouds. (Teletext) (s) (8875353)
10.15 Northern Exposure. The people of Cicely are intrigued when Mike Monroe moves into a goodesic dome because he thinks he is allergic to the world (Teletext) (s) (224268)
11.10 China in Revolution. In the last programme of the series, eye witnesses talk about their experiences during the Cultural Revolution. (Teletext) (s) (102624)
12.20 Leave to Remain. Drama in which Shahin, an Iranian student living in London, is forced to fight Home Office bureaucracy in order to stay in Britain. Her only answer seems to be an arranged marriage to an Englishman. With Meda Kidem and Jonathan Phillips. Directed by Les Blair. (Teletext) ((873071)
2.20 FILM: Murder at the Windmill (1949, b/w). A mystery musical in which the cast at London's Windmill Theatre come under suspicion when the body of a young man is discovered. Starring Jon Pertwee, Garry Marsh, Jack Livesey, Jimmy Edwards and Eliot Makeham. Directed by Val Guest (6287551). Ends at **3.35**
4.00 Schools. Learning Strategies — French Insel (31716). Ends at **5.30**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud including **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell including **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Armando Iannucci **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, incl **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Paul Cola **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell **8.00** Big Band All-Winners Concert **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Stars in Brass: Grimethorpe Colliery Band under Frank Renton **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Active Science; **9.20** Storybox; **9.30** The Song Tree; **9.45** Let's Move!; **10.05** History 9-11 **10.25** Johnnie Walker, incl **11.30** Wiggly Park **12.30pm** Mark Steel v the MCC — the Series. A look at commercialism **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** Andy Smith's Drive-In **6.30** The Barkers v the Rest of the World **7.15** William Darling **7.30** Champion Sport: The Great Match. 1979 FA Cup Final, incl **8.00** *Live Premiership action* **9.30** X Minus One **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** Learning World **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Iceman **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Animals of Power **9.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** You Are What You Eat **10.30** Vintage Chart Show **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Slightly Foxed **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *Rimsky By Himself* **2.45** Dance Selection **3.00** News **3.15** The Damned **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** World Today **8.30** World Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** On Screen **11.30** Multitrack 1 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Screenplay **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health Matters **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Slightly Foxed **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.15** Health Matters

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Chopin (Piano Concerto No 1 in E minor) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** Classical Gas **8.00** Evening Concert, to mark Bach's birthday. Cantata No 50: Nun ist das Heil und Kraft, Concerto in D minor for two violins, Orchestral Suite No 1 in C, Magnificat in D **10.00** Robert Booth **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** N.J. Williams **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

ANGLIA

As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (67372773) **2.20-2.50** Yan Can Cook (93724860) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (4519082) **6.00** Home and Away (645137) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (412315) **10.40** Love Call (420155) **11.40** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (242686) **12.40am** The Twilight Zone (7044532) **1.00** Renegade (3797984) **1.55** Sport AM (3471629) **2.50** Memories of 1970-1989 (7405990) **3.45** The Beat (2184938) **4.40** Jobfinder (73681782) **5.05-5.30** America's Top Ten (6198464)

CENTRAL

As London except: **1.55** Shortland Street (67372773) **2.20** Cooking at the Academy (93724860) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (6582179) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (4519082) **6.00** Home and Away (645137) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (412315) **10.40** Millionaires (499841) **11.10** World Championship Boxing (536402) **12.05am** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (5030209) **1.10** Wanted Dead or Alive (3225532) **1.45** Vengeance Valley (1863551) **3.10** Sport AM (2372629) **4.05** Hollywood Report (67180735) **4.30** Jobfinder (1203754) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2996445)

HTV WEST

As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (67372773) **2.20-2.50** Cooking at the Academy (93724880) **5.10-5.40** Runway (4519082) **6.55** Home and Away (759696) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (412315) **10.40** Roadrunner (499841) **11.10** Police 25 (581402) **11.40** Spotlight (732334) **12.10am** Coach (2177358) **12.40** The Twilight Zone (7044532) **1.00** Renegade (3797984) **1.55** Sport AM (3471629) **2.50** Memories of 1970-1989 (7405990) **3.45** The Beat (2184938) **4.40** Jobfinder (73681782) **5.05-5.30** America's Top Ten (6198464)

VARIATIONS

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (412315) **10.40** Primetime (499841) **11.10** Judes and the Gimp (545150) **12.00-12.10** Get Stuffed (9909700)

MERIDIAN

As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (67372773) **2.20** Houseparty (93724860) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6582179) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (176) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (131) **10.40** Quincy (1144792) **12.05am-1.15** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (8247754) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (55938)

TYNE TEES

As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (67372773) **2.20** Wish You Were Here...? (93740808) **2.45-2.50** Help Yourself (6097686) **3.25-3.30** Tyne Tees News / Bliedale: Network North (8938082) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today / Network North (445518) **6.30-7.00** One Summer in Whitby (131) **10.30** Tyne Tees News and Weather (131421) **10.40** New Voices (499841) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (536402) **12.05am** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (2178067) **12.35** Sail the World (3483342) **1.05** Midnight Sun (177700) **2.40** The New Music (6899716) **3.40** ITV Chart Show (2185667) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (8945174)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: **1.55** The Young Doctors (66193727) **2.25-2.55** Gardening Time (93723131) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (11792) **10.40** The Front Line (499841) **11.10** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (581402) **11.40** The Equalizer (510599) **12.35am** My Story (3666272) **12.40** Rock Sport (7044532) **1.00** Renegade (3797984) **1.55** Sport AM (3471629) **2.50** Memories of 1970-1989 (7405990) **3.45** The Beat (2184938) **4.40** Jobfinder (73681782) **5.05-5.30** America's Top Ten (6198464)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: **9.55-10.00** Calendar News and Weather (8565570) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bliedale: Network North (7163686) **1.55** A Country Practice (67372773) **2.20** Wish You Were Here...? (93740808) **2.45-2.50** Help Yourself (6097686) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bliedale: Network North (8938082) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (445518) **6.30-7.00** One Summer in Whitby (131) **10.30** Calendar News (131421) **10.40** New Voices (499841) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (536402) **12.05am** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (2178067) **12.35** Sail the World (3483342) **1.05** Midnight Sun (177700) **2.40** The New Music (6899716) **3.40** ITV Chart Show (2185667) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (8945174)

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Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (23686) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (71686) **9.30** Ysgolion (456889) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (84150) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (50565) **1.00** The Long Summer (26773) **1.30** Blossom (66865) **2.00** Homefront (6247841) **2.55** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9870599) **3.45** Laurel And Hardy (4945044) **4.00** Slot 23 (4398727) **4.05** Ty Chwith (5642353) **4.20** WL Wat (6830518) **4.35** Llun (2316686) **5.00** Batman (9957) **5.30** Countdown (808) **6.00** Newyddion (102995) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (841286) **6.25** Heno (410957) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2421) **7.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (957) **8.00** Mor-ladron (8841) **8.30** Newyddion (7976) **9.00** Sgorio (4599) **10.00** Brookside (92179) **10.30** Roseanne (78598) **11.00** Northern Exposure (283808) **11.55** The Goldring Audit (239112) **12.55am** Diwedd (68652498) **4.00** Ysgolion (31716)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Arts Foundation Course: Sullivan **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 2 in F, BWV 1047); Bantock (Two Heroic Ballads); Strauss (Ich liebe dich, Op 37 No 2); Wagner (Prelude to Act 1, Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg); Granados (El fandango de Candil, Goyescas); Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in E minor, RV277)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Franz Schmidt: Introduced by Leo Black. Part 1: The mid-1920s. Scherzo (String Quartet in A); Little Prelude and Fugue in C minor; Romance; Concertante Variations on a Theme of Beethoven
10.00 Musical Encounters: London Wind Soloists under Jack Brymer. J.C. Bach (Symphony No 4 in B flat); Mahler, arr Schoenberg (Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen); Schubert (Wanderer Fantasy, D760); Bizet (Symphony in C); Saint-Saëns (Piano Studies); Mozart (Wind Serenade in C minor, K388)
12.00 Modern Times: Cabaret songs from the 1930s
1.00pm News 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert from St John's, Smith Square, London. Beethoven (Piano Trio in B flat, Op 11); Shostakovich (Piano Trio in E minor, Op 67)
2.00 A Dutch Retrospect: Rotterdam PO play arr Stravinsky (The Star-Spangled Banner); Varèse (Amériques); Dvořák (Symphony No 9 in E minor, From the New World)
3.10 Elves and Demons: David Aler (baritone), Julius Drake (piano) perform Schubert (Erlkönig); Peterson-Berger (Titania); Rangström (Vingar i natten); Sibelius (Näcken); Trad, arr Nordlund (Näckens Polska); Saint-Saëns (Danse Macabre); Wolf (Elfenlied); Stanford (La belle dame sans merci; Scared) (r)
3.45 Music for Organ, from Carlisle Cathedral
4.30 Unsquare Dances: Dave Brubeck talks to Geoffrey Smith
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson considers why pieces are rearranged
5.15 In Tune with Andrew Green. Scriabin (Fantasy in A minor for two pianos); Trad, arr Vignoles (The Mermaid); Glazunov (Musical Picture, Spring, Op 34); Puccini (Angeyer, Suor Angelica)
7.25 Inventions: Eryl Davies of the Science Museum discusses the radar (1/5)
7.30 Let 'Em Eat Cake: See Choice
9.30 Yesterday's Tomorrows: Science fiction in 1930s Britain
9.50 Leslie Howard: The pianist performs Prokofiev (Piano Sonata No 5, Op 135); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in B flat, Op 22); Saint-Saëns, arr Liszt (Danse Macabre) (r)
10.45 Mixing It
11.30 Music Restored: The Purcell Quartet performs Corelli
12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Tightening the Noose: Santiago academic Herbert Perez discusses Fidel Castro **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week: Science Special: Melvyn Bragg and guest presenter Brenda Maddox talk to Professor Colin Russell, Hilary Rose, Bruce Durie and Graham Farmelow
10.00-10.30 Families and How to Survive Them (FM only): Why Do We Fall in Love? John Cleese and psychiatrist Dr Robin Skynner discuss family problems (1/6) (r)
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to Yvonne Brewster, artistic director of Talawa Theatre Company about her new, all black, production of *King Lear*
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Counterpoint: Musical quiz **2.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Governor's Consort, by Peter Tinniswood. Lady Edith is in for an exciting voyage when she and her husband sets sail for a South Atlantic island of which he is about to become Governor
3.00 Anderson Country: Phone 071-765 5540
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Natalie Wheen reviews the Peter Brook production of *The Man Who*, in Manchester, and looks at the political photographs of Nick Sinclair
4.45 Short Story: The Business. Frederic Raphael recalls the first of five adventures in the film trade
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme: Food writer Valentina Harris asks whether cooking skills should be acquired at home or at school (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Padmates: See Choice
9.00 Previous Convictions: Peter Harrison reflects on nature
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Jogging Round Majorca, by Gordon West. (6/6) (r)
11.00 Going Down Under: The final chapter in the confessions of a reluctant emigrant (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

Let 'Em Eat Cake. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*
Everything about this BBC revival of the Gershwins' near-forgotten 1933 musical proclaims the expenditure of much time, money and (to an exhausting degree) energy. *Of Thee I Sing*, to which tonight's musical is a sequel, was a political satire about a presidential election. *Let 'Em Eat Cake* satirises dictatorship. It is great fun, but its lyrics have sharp cutting edges. So has Robert Cushman's linking narration. A rumbustuous cast is headed by Denis Quilley, Kim Criswell and Joss Ackland, and Barry Wordsworth conducts like a man with exploding rockets up his sleeves.

Padmates. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*
This play was recorded in Strangeways prison, scripted by two former inmates, John Stevens and Les May, and a prison education worker, Alan Midwood. The actors are professionals, but the distant voices that blend with activity noises in the institution are those of actual prisoners. It is as much documentary as drama, and is practically plotless. Its conclusions about crime and punishment are no less thought-provoking for being familiar. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (14922131) **9.10** Cartoons (8604131) **9.30** Card Sharks (6732841) **9.55** Concentration (6740860) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (4984334) **10.30** Love at First Sight (28470) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (80995) **12.00** Urban Peasant (26150) **12.30pm** E Street (43315) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (31570) **2.00** Harvest Home (25570) **3.00** Another World (8496063) **3.50** DJ Kat (3783518) **5.00** Star Trek (5150) **6.00** Games World (2315) **6.30** E Street (6995) **7.00** M*A*S*H (3179) **7.30** Full House (2179) **8.00** Deadly Intentions (14781) **10.00** Star Trek (89518) **11.00** Untouchables (61860) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (86822) **1.00am** Night Court (80445) **1.30-2.00** Living Color (98445)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (64518) (517599) **9.30** 60 Minutes (12976) **11.30** Japan (17082) **12.30pm** News/Business (22112) **1.30** CBS News (23841) **2.30** Parliament (87792) **3.30** Parliament (81353) **4.30** News/Business (2792) **5.00** Live (824228) **7.30** Special (3421) **9.30** Talkback (54421) **11.30** CBS News (34518) **12.30am** ABC News (48209) **1.30** Special (85087) **2.30** Travel (55483) **3.30** Talkback (54700) **4.30** Special (13358) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (61464)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (1097711)
10.00 A High Wind in Jamaica (1965). Children board a pirate ship (47131)
12.00 Serenade (1956): Vineyard worker Mario Lanza becomes an opera star (39773)
2.00pm Hostile Guns (1967): Western starring George Montgomery (73570)
4.00 Fast Charlie, the Moonbeam Rider (1979): David Carradine plays an army deserter who enters a bike race (2222)
6.00 Pure Luck (1991). Comedy-thriller starring Martin Short (67572763)
7.40 UK Top Ten (462334)
8.00 1492: Conquest of Paradise (1992): Christopher Columbus epic (91867191)
10.35 Complex of Fear (1993): A rapist stalks an apartment block (43056179)
12.10am The Inner Circle (1991): Drama about Joseph Stalin and the projectionist who runs his private cinema (86312396)
2.20 Lady Chatterly's Lover (1982): Sylvia Kristel lusts after the gamekeeper (711209)
4.00 Another You (1991): Comedy with Gene Wilder (72700). Ends at **5.35**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Elephant Walk (1954): A tea planter's wife (Elizabeth Taylor) is unable to adjust to life in Ceylon (55112)
8.00 Harold and Maude (1971): A pensioner befriends a young man (67957)
10.00 Exorcist 2: The Heretic (1977): Linda Blair is once again possessed by the devil (42150). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Rob Roy Scottish romp (6902583)
7.15 The Black Cat (1943, b/w): Spooky comedy starring Basil Rathbone (9495063)
8.30 Treasure Island: Robert Louis Stevenson's classic pirate adventure (4863247)
9.20 The Wind in the Willows: Animated riverside tales (6750841)
10.15 The Naked Prey (1966): A man is hunted by an African tribe (45992044)
12.00 The Man Who Never Was (1956): The British secret service unveils a crafty plot to confuse the Germans in wartime (37315)
2.00pm Barnum (1984): Burt Lancaster plays the legendary showman (71112)
4.00 Treasure Island (as 8.30am) (68150)
5.00 The Wind in the Willows (as 9.20am) (9860)
6.00 Brother Future (1992): A youngster travels through time (91976)
8.00 Cool World (1992): Gabriel Byrne finds himself in a parallel cartoon world (96421)
10.00 Dying Young (1991): Julia Roberts nurses a leukaemia sufferer (669860)
11.55 With Savage Intent (1992): A woman is shot by a corrupt cop (141696)
1.30am A Stranger in The Mirror (1992): Sidney Sheldon's melodrama about a young comic's rise in Hollywood (952613)
3.05 Ruby (1992): Danny Aiello plays Jack Ruby, Lee Harvey Oswald's assassin (71486990). Ends at **4.55**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (97068) **7.30** American Sports (93093) **8.30** World Sports (15131) **9.00** Prime Bodies (39711) **9.30** Rugby League (21995) **10.30** Adventure Sport (71402) **11.30** US PGA Golf (23911) **1.00pm** Football (89792) **3.00** ATP Tennis (70334) **5.00** Snowboarding Tour (5247) **5.30** Trucks and Tractor Power (2570) **6.00** Soccer News (808792) **6.15** WWF Wrestling (578570) **7.00** Football: Norwich City v Everton (77677155) **10.15** Soccer (380112) **10.30** NBA Basketball (91421) **12.30-2.30am** Football (as 7pm) (45209)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (47501) **8.00** Equestrian Events (90808) **10.00** Alpine Skiing (47228) **12.00** Motorsports (40315) **1.00pm** Ski Jumping (59063) **2.00** Cycling (94624) **3.00** Athletics (32191) **4.00** Eurofun (7402) **4.30** Snowmobile Challenge (50686) **5.30** Olympic Magazine (40773) **6.30** News (8131) **7.00** Indycar (29773) **8.00** Motorsports (38421) **9.00** Boxing (25957) **10.00** Football (28044) **11.00** Eurogolf (97024) **12.00-12.30am** News (25349)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (3286082) **7.30** Neighbours (3272889) **7.55** Sons and Daughters (7619402) **8.25** EastEnders (7618773) **9.00** The Bill (7632353) **9.30** Nancy Astor (8645131) **10.30** Duchess of Duke Street (3419315) **11.30** The Sullivans (5169624) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7629889) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7214334) **1.00** EastEnders (3285353) **1.30** The Bill (7213605) **2.00** Adrian Mole (4107605) **2.30** Man about the House (5204995) **3.00** Knots Landing (9296792) **3.55** Dynasty (7919995) **4.50** Every Second Counts (3884518) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (14482247) **5.55** Sykes (7381995) **6.30** EastEnders (5296976) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9718228) **8.00** Sorry! (4187841) **8.30** Man about the House (4106976) **9.00** Shoestring (9707112) **10.00** The Bill (7620518) **10.30** Filthy, Rich and Catflap (7639266) **11.10** Top of the Pops (2501711) **11.55** Dr Who (1433773) **12.25-2.15am** FILM: Suspicion (1941, b/w): Alfred Hitchcock thriller starring Cary Grant and Joan Fontaine (8336398)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (62686) **6.30** Bobobobs (91624) **7.00** Bears (5885179) **7.15** Toons (945605) **7.45** Beverly Hills Teens (944976) **8.15** Head to Head (9682353) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (86889) **9.00** Droibee (71334) **10.00** Nellie (28266) **11.00** RatKan II (51808) **11.30** Bobobobs (32537) **12.00** Bears (3191082) **12.15pm** Toons (550686) **12.45** Beverly Hills Teens (559957) **1.15** Head to Head (58630518) **1.30** Teddy Ruxpin (49421) **2.00** Potsworth (8421) **2.30** The Herbs (9633402) **2.40** Crystal Tipps (3824686) **2.45** Babar (562421) **3.15** RatKan II (4354112) **3.20** Manu (7847976) **3.35** Special (5090957) **3.45** Spot and Hercules (8490860) **3.55** Head to Head (4607044) **4.00** McGee and Me (4334) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (5938)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Batfink (1304266) **7.15** Hero Turtles (310995) **7.45** Rugrats (319266) **8.15** Modern Life (5958006) **8.30** Blue (13773) **9.00** Eureeka (37353) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (63266) **10.00** David the Gnome (86841) **10.30** Chipmunks (33537) **11.00** Jenoech (82650) **11.30** The Banana Sandwich (18179) **12.00** The Monkees (24889) **12.30pm** Galaxy High School (67082) **1.00** Eureeka (95841) **1.30** Fraggle Rock (86353) **2.00** David the Gnome (2537) **2.30** Banana Sandwich (9624) **3.00** Chipmunks (1044) **3.30** Capital Critters (1841) **4.00** Hero Turtles (8696) **4.30** Rugrats (9860) **5.00** Clarissa (3889) **5.30** Afraid of the Dark (8452) **6.00** Galaxy High School (3763) **6.30-7.00** The Monkees (1605)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Basking Shark (5157889) **5.00** Treasure Hunters (4198599) **5.30** Terra X (7360402) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (2939228) **7.00** Global Warning (4109063) **7.30** Spirit of Survival (5293402) **8.00** Ancient Lives (9725518) **9.00** Going Places (8738082) **10.00** Overland Challenge (7611860) **10.30** Valhalla (7837808) **11.00-12.00** China: The Unveiled Highlands (3260044)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: The Countess of Monte Cristo (1948, b/w): Two guests pass themselves off as royalty at an exclusive resort (7678334) **1.30pm** FILM: Irene (1940, b/w): A model falls for an upper-class young man (81869599) **3.15** 1940 Styles (6122229) **3.30** The David Niven Show (5201808) **4.00** The Flying Nun (5280315) **4.30** My Three Sons (5286599) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (4116353) **5.30** Donny and Marie (5200179) **6.00** I Spy (7217421) **7.00** Cannon (9736624) **8.00** The Avengers (9712044) **9.00** FILM: Sweeney (1977): Cops John Thaw and Dennis Waterman discover a plot against the government (89787266) **10.45** Torchy (6778266) **11.00** Get Smart (5145044) **11.30-12.00** Twilight Zone (9563711)

UK LIVING

7.00am Living (3321841) **8.00** Fighting Back (4195315) **8.30** Rendezvous (4194686) **9.00** Dr Ruth (4118266) **9.30** Days of Our Lives (1517402) **10.30** The Young and the Restless (6096268) **11.30** Delia Smith (5272570) **12.00** Stars and Signs (90305792) **12.15pm** Practical Living (21718773) **12.30** Housecalls (8514841) **1.00** On the House (6421082) **1.30** Rendezvous (8513112) **2.00** Agony Hour (8432353) **3.00** Living (2009421) **3.45** Gladrags (71211402) **4.00** Definition (4735518) **4.30** Infatuation (4724402) **5.00** Rodeo Drive (6770179) **5.30** Fame and Fortune (7002860) **5.45** Kilroy (5169179) **6.30** Take Six Cooks (4736247) **7.00** Definition (6750315) **7.30** Amore (4725131) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (3630686) **9.00** FILM: Picnic at Hanging Rock (1975): Spooky tale of three Australian girls who disappeared in 1900 (3633773) **11.00** Amore (5298150) **11.30** Infatuation (8437808) **12.00-1.00am** Agony Hour (3318377)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Big Brother Jake (9773) **5.30** Zorro (4570) **6.00** Wonder Years (4711) **6.30** Catchphrase (5063) **7.00** All Clued Up (9537) **7.30** Pyramid (1247) **8.00** All Together Now (5957) **8.30** GP (7792) **9.00** Lou Grant (89179) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (61334) **10.30** Rhoda (70082) **11.00** Remington (29995) **12.00-1.00am** The Big Valley (73396)

MTV

5.00am Wild Side (863209) **8.00** VJ Ingo (317711) **11.00** Soul (84060) **12.00** Hits (99605) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (195266) **3.30** Report (5017624) **3.45** Movies (5012179) **4.00** News (9926518) **4.15** 3 From 1 (9909841) **4.30** Dial MTV (2976) **5.00** Hit List (50228) **7.00** Hits (85353) **8.00** Unplugged with Paul Simon (61773) **9.00** Real World II (33402) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (90334) **10.00** Report (118082) **10.15** Movies (113537) **10.30** News (940131) **10.45** 3 from 1 (945686) **11.00** Hit List (13063) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (66716) **2.00-5.00** Videos (3216700)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (20112) **7.00** Regional News (34583) **7.30** Asian Morning (26808) **8.00** Hindi News (54044) **8.30** Urdu News (6984179) **8.45** English News (6972334) **9.00** Saheel (86860) **10.00** Pakistani FILM (787583) **1.00pm** Mullah Nassrudin (84024) **1.30** Cricket: Pakistan v New Zealand (948334) **4.30** Kiddie Time (7044) **6.00-6.00** TVA and You (5334) **7.00** Face to Face (6353) **7.30** BBCD (7889) **8.00** English News (598131) **8.15** Hindi FILM (43486315) **11.15** Serial (737179) **12.05am** Five Past (6846735) **1.35** Sight and Sound (66735551)

TNT

Theme: Academy Award Night
7.00pm Interrupted Melody (1955): The story of the Australian opera singer Marjorie Lawrence's battle against polio (79062315)
8.55 Sweethearts (1938): Popular duo Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald play rival stage stars (50476082)
11.00 Green Dolphin Street (1947, b/w): A man sends home for the wrong bride after emigrating to New Zealand (64967696)
1.35am Cimarron (1931, b/w): Western about frontier life in Oklahoma. With Richard Dix, Irene Dunne (89170281)
3.55 Short Goodbye Miss Turlock: Award-winning short (26895984). Ends at **4.05**

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US blow to rival telecoms network

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

AT&T, the American telephone giant, has walked away from a deal with the National Grid that would have created a third force in the British telecommunications market to rival BT and Mercury.

The Americans broke off formal talks with the 12 regional electricity distributors in England and Wales, which between them own the National Grid, after an offer to pay £200 million for a one-third stake in Energis, the Grid's telecoms network, was rejected by just one of the 12.

Although the other 11 were broadly keen to do the deal, Eastern Electricity, the biggest of the distributors, insisted that the industry could build and run its own telecoms operator without outside help. It therefore placed an exorbitant price on a stake in Energis, inside reports say.

The distributors are still in informal contact with AT&T and are keen to reach some sort of deal. Several believe Eastern has set back development of an effective competitor for BT and Mercury by insisting on going it alone. "There won't be a fourth, if we can get this deal together," said one source.

Energis is based on the existing telecommunications web that links the electricity transmission network owned by the National Grid. Any such networks are at a premium, as the only way to enter the market without starting from scratch.

The Grid is installing a nationwide fibre-optic cable network that will both upgrade existing facilities and provide a telecoms business to be operated separately. The business is spending £100 million on the upgrade in the current financial year and a similar sum in 1994-95.

The 12 distributors, which plan to float the National Grid as an independently quoted company on the stock market next year, are keen to crystallise the value of Energis, one of the most significant assets owned by the Grid, ahead of the float. A study by Kleinwort Benson, the securities house, has suggested retaining a third of Energis under Grid ownership, offering an equal stake to an outside party with telecoms expertise and holding the rest of the business through the regional distributors themselves, possibly in the form of warrants to own shares.

AT&T, the world's biggest long-distance carrier, is thought to be the only potential partner for Energis and is keen to enter the British market. Several distributors were uneasy at setting a fair price for a one-third stake in Energis so early in its history, but most accepted that the deal offered was a good one.

Eastern, however, was convinced that the industry could go it alone and set a high price, thought to be about £500 million, on a stake. By contrast, Yorkshire Electricity apparently accepted the need to make quick progress by bringing in an outside partner.

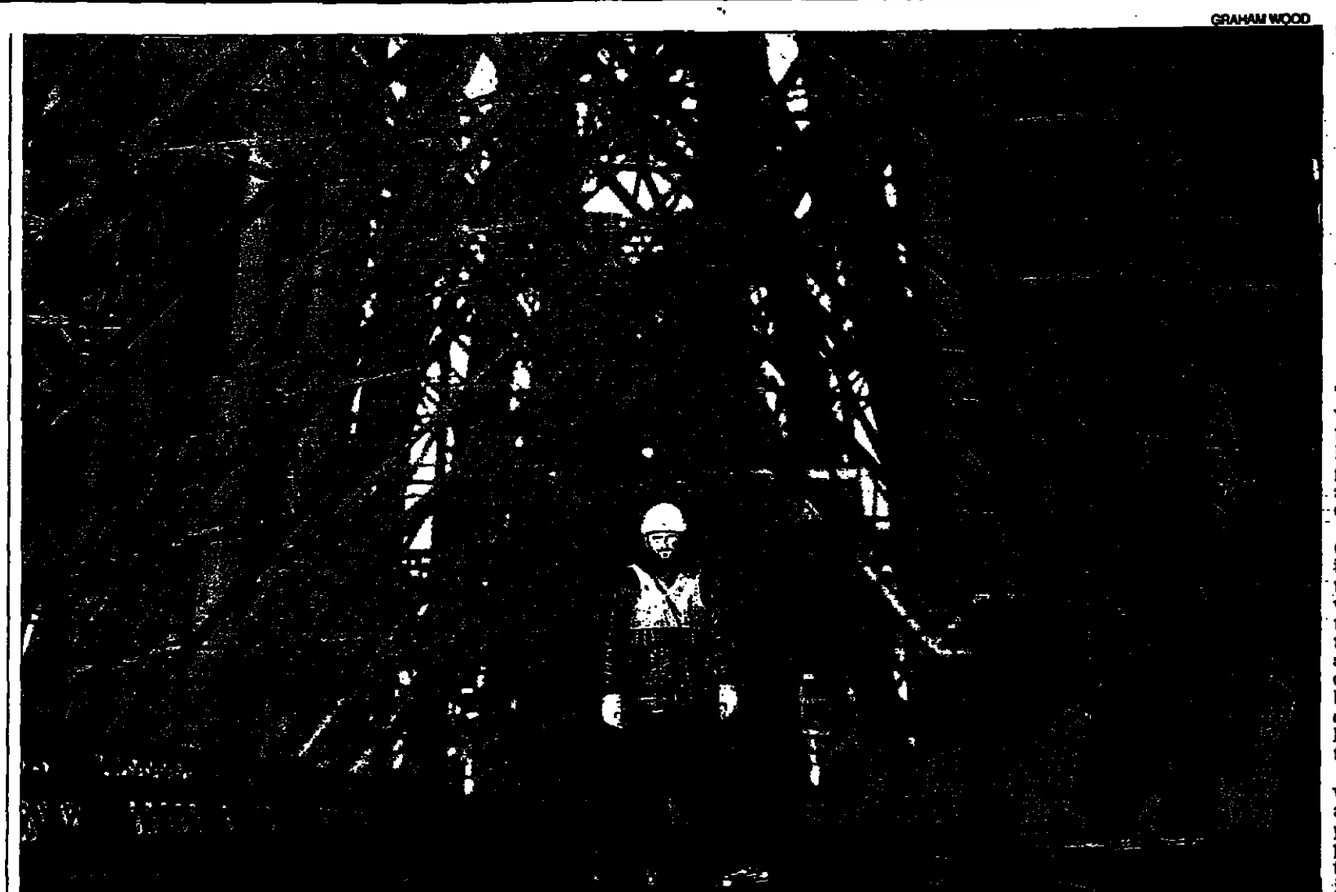
The distributors are keen to re-establish contact with AT&T and are convinced that a deal can eventually be struck. It is thought that the Americans could be attracted back to the bargaining table.

Energis plans trials of its network for domestic and business users in the summer and will begin services in the autumn. A total of 1,800 kilometres of cable will put 70 per cent of the population within local calling distance.

The regional distributors are keen to realise their investment in the Grid, handed over by the Government on privatisation in 1990, well ahead of the next election, given earlier Labour promises to take the business back into public ownership.

☐ A significant new competitor for BT on the world stage was created over the weekend, when the five Italian telecoms businesses agreed to merge into one company, provisionally known as Telecom Italia. The world's sixth-biggest operator in the field, it will be privatised this year.

GRAHAM WOOD



A bridge too far? Railtrack, which owns British Rail's tracks and bridges, including the Forth Bridge, is on the sell-off list

Timetable for sale of BR to be published this week

BY ROSS TIERMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government will this week unveil its timetable for the privatisation of British Rail after months of wrangling between ministers, officials and advisers to the most complex sell-off yet devised.

The implementation of a complex web of contracts between train operators; Railtrack, the core company which will assume responsibility for the rail network, including track, bridges and signalling; and three rolling stock leasing companies has been delayed by unforeseen difficulties in deciding rolling stock values. However, vesting is expected to be completed on April 1.

Rail services in seven areas will also be operated thereafter as "shadow franchises", paving the way for the transport department to issue invitations at the end of the year or in early 1995 for the "sale" of franchises or franchised operations to the private sector.

Together the seven sectors, the East Coast Main Line, the Great Western Main Line, ScotRail, the Gatwick Express, the Isle of Wight, the London-Tilbury-Southend line, and British Rail's South Western Division, account for a third of BR's revenues.

Only one operation, the Red Star parcels business, is expected to pass into the private sector this year. But a host of support services, including maintenance workshops, marketing services, business systems and training are being groomed for trade sales or management buyouts from 1995 onwards.

The first substantial BR operation transferred into the private sector is expected to be Freightliner, the container business. British Rail's £750 million a year track maintenance operations, split into ten or more businesses, are expected to follow soon after.

Regional freight companies should be ready for privatisation by 1996, along with the rolling stock leasing companies, together holding some £2 billion of assets. No date has been set for the privatisation of Railtrack, regarded by many as the core of the restructured railway business. The Treasury has set Railtrack, chaired by former BP boss Bob Horton, the target of achieving a real rate of return of 8 per cent by 1997/8.

Accountancy firms face £1bn claims

BY OUR CITY STAFF

ACCOUNTANCY firms could face claims of up to £1 billion from people who have lost their jobs over the past seven years after a recent Appeal Court ruling, the Confederation of British Industry said today.

The court said firms trying to save insolvent companies were liable for compensation payments under employment contracts when they kept employees on for more than 14 days. The claims could arise where it was eventually found impossible to keep companies afloat, Howard Davies, CBI director-general, said.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, moved quickly to amend the law after the ruling because accountants acting as receivers said they could not produce a rescue package within 14 days and would be forced to sack everyone in all cases to avoid compensation claims.

However, the CBI said that unless changes in the Insolvency Act are made retrospective, accountancy firms themselves could be put out of business by such claims.

"Claims are most likely from directors and senior management," Mr Davies said. "The directors of Olympia & York [developers of Canary Wharf] are already reported to have lodged claims totalling £10 million.

"It cannot be right that insolvency practitioners, called in to salvage an insolvent business and acting in accordance with a seven-year-old ruling by the High Court, should be personally liable and face being put out of business because that ruling has been overturned by the Appeal Court."

Bondholders seek Heron receivership

BY JON ASHWORTH

GERALD Ronson, founder of Heron International, the petrol-stations-to-property group, is under fresh attack — just six months after the debt-laden company won approval for a £1.4 billion restructuring.

Under the restructuring, Mr Ronson was guaranteed an annual salary of £500,000 over five years, with generous pension and life assurance provisions.

He has come under fire from Heron bondholders, who have called for the group to be placed in receivership. The latest move was triggered by a collapse in the value of Heron's Spanish property interests.

Heron has asked banks and bondholders to accept a freeze on interest payments and advisory fees until June, warning that failure to agree could result in insolvency.

Saatchi to end rift on chairman's pay

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE board of Saatchi & Saatchi is expected shortly to tackle the vexed issue of the generous remuneration package enjoyed by Maurice Saatchi, the chairman.

His contract of employment, which runs for five years, contrary to the best-accepted principles of corporate governance, is only one issue in an apparent a rift at the top of the advertising agency that has been the talk of the industry in recent weeks.

But it is seen as an issue that must be settled at least in time for the group's annual meeting in late May, to head off any row with shareholders there. Charles Scott, the chief executive, last week indicated his preference for a shorter salary period, and Saatchi's compensation committee, headed by Sir Peter Walters, the former BP chairman, is now set to address the matter.

Mr Saatchi has indicated privately that he accepts that a five-year contract is now "politically incorrect", and is prepared to forgo it in return for a new package that contains a strong incentive element rewarding future success. He is also keen that such a scheme be spread to cover the 20 or 30 top executives.

Weekend reports suggesting that the two men were at loggerheads and that only one could survive at the top were being played down. Mr Saatchi is apparently prepared to accept that he can never be the Saatchi chief executive but is believed to be against Mr Scott's continuation in that role and is looking for the appointment of his own man. Mr Scott is insisting that he has had no row with the chairman.

Mr Scott is known to favour pay packages that emphasise rewards in exchange for success. "The group's management has been progressively moving remuneration onto a more flexible, performance-related basis over the past four years," a Saatchi spokesman said last night. "This has the effect of reducing high fixed overheads and gearing pay to performance."

Saatchi, as a result, has managed to cut the proportion of overheads accounted for by salaries from 65 to 61 per cent since 1990 and has set a target of 55 per cent in due course.

A key to the future of Mr Saatchi's contract will be the internal enquiry into costs, including salaries, being carried out by Sir Peter, which is expected to be completed by the summer although probably not by the annual meeting.

Barclays' farewell to traditional managers

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE old-fashioned bank manager with time to discuss customers' financial problems will be replaced by computer technology, the new chief executive of Barclays admitted last night.

The right people are in short supply, while computers are cheaper and make fewer bad loan decisions, said Martin Taylor, in his first major TV interview since taking over three months ago.

"People do want to spend a lot of time with the old-fashioned bank manager of myth, but they don't want to pay for it," he said on BBC2's *The Money Programme*. "If you want personal services you have to pay for it. And we simply don't have the skilled personnel who can go through every application in the way that they used to. It's simply because applications are so much higher," he added. "You also find computerised credit scoring much more accurate and much safer, I'm afraid to say."

Mr Taylor, 41 and a former financial journalist who became Barclays' chief executive at the start of this year, faces a taxing task in guiding the bank through what he admits is a "major culture change". Already he has come under fire from the Banking, Insurance & Finance Union because of mounting job losses. BIFU described as a "sick joke" the decision to pay a handful of staff at Barclays' BZW investment banking division bonuses for last year of £1 million or more, while at the same time making 432 branch staff in London and the South-East compulsorily redundant.

News of the bonuses came as Barclays announced a return to the black in 1993, pre-tax profits of £664 million contrasting with losses of £242 million in 1992, the first in the bank's history. Mr Taylor said computer information technology would be used increasingly for customer services, particularly for loan decisions, and this would hopefully avoid a repeat of bad-risk loans seen in the 1980s.

He said he wanted bank staff to break from the bureaucratic past, explain things to customers and say "sorry" when things went wrong. "The bank has to realise that it's a business and doesn't have some pre-ordained right to exist, almost like a public service organisation."



Taylor: taxing task

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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 118

ACROSS

6 Awake to instant action (6,2,4)
7 Classical poet from Lesbos (6)
8 Earthenware pot (6)
9 Wood; trade (4)
10 Cleaner; promiscuous girl (8)
12 Passé (8)
16 Indifferently good (2-2)
18 Former Sri Lanka (6)
20 Watch-chain; former Prince (6)
21 Mentally confused (6-6)

DOWN

1 Engaged at close quarters (8)
2 Provides with source of income (6)
3 Unconscious state (6)
4 Hand unobtrusively; undergarment (4)
5 Position; workplace (6)
6 Urbane (5)
11 Stickybeak (8)
13 Advantageous (6)
14 Desultorily try to fix equipment (6)
15 Sliding container (6)
17 Cut into tiny pieces (5)
19 Open-air pool (4)

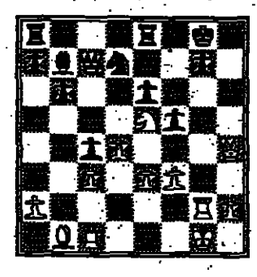
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ACROSS: 1 Bridle 5 Vale 9 Newgate 10 Sister 11 Bathetic 12 Update 15 Grille 18 Sanskrit 20 Shrine 22 Amongst 23 Gnaw 24 Easter

DOWN: 2 Runway 3 Downhill 4 Enact 6 Arms 7 Expert 8 Rescue 13 Dark Ages 14 Reseal 16 Rehang 17 Tiptoe 19 Noose 21 Iowa

By Raymond Keene

Today's problem is from the game Fogeulman - Oliviera, Liepzig 1960. White to play and win.



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Raymond Keene, page 8

By Philip Howard

ACETABULUM
a. A Roman table
b. A sucker
c. Squid's black ink

BUNGO
a. An error
b. A type of boat
c. A Harrovian bed-maker

NEOPHRON
a. An Attic New Sophist
b. An inbuilt third of a column
c. A vulture

PASCH
a. A schoolgirl's crush
b. An edible toadstool
c. Passover

Answers on page 30